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MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 6, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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Thursday, March 6, 2025
9:00 AM

The Executive/Administration Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Curt Hagman, Chair)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is *not* listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget
(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PPG. 6

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council: 1) Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$390,819,246; 2) Authorize the release of the FY 2025-26 Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and 3) Approve the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment and transmit to the General Assembly.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – February 6, 2025 PPG. 94
3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: No. 25-011-C01, Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study PPG. 101
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: No. 25-017-C01, Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance (TA) Program PPG. 119



EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

5. Early Legislative Bills – Support PPG. 134

6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships PPG. 141

Receive and File

7. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 143

8. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 149

CFO REPORT

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Curt Hagman, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kana Sato-Nguyen, Department Manager
(213) 236-1865, nguyenk@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG's Bylaws require the adoption of an annual comprehensive budget. Additionally, SCAG is required by federal and state law to develop the Overall Work Program (OWP) and the Indirect Cost Budget each year. Staff has developed the FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP, the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment, the FTA Grant Budget, the TDA Budget, the Indirect Cost Budget, and the Fringe Benefits Budget. After the 30-day public comment period, the Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for final approval on May 1, 2025. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will be forwarded to the General Assembly for approval on May 1, 2025. The proposed FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget is \$390.82 million, which is \$43.75 million or 10.07% less than the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 1 of \$434.57 million.

BACKGROUND:

Through SCAG, city and county governments throughout Southern California come together to develop solutions to common problems in transportation, housing, air quality, and other issues. To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

SCAG's primary responsibilities include the development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); the annual OWP; and the transportation-related portions of local air quality management plans. Under the federal Clean Air Act, SCAG is responsible for determining if regional transportation plans and programs conform with applicable state air quality plans. SCAG's additional functions include the intergovernmental review of regionally significant development projects and the periodic preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

The proposed FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget meets SCAG's primary responsibility requirements and furthers the implementation of our long-range RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal. Connect SoCal outlines longer-term goals, guiding principles, and planning strategies for regional transportation planning activities. The FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget includes funding in support of the research and development of 2028 Connect SoCal, REAP 2.0 implementation, 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games related planning activities and other various planning initiatives primarily funded by Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding, as well as funding to support continued efforts for priority programs such as 2024 Connect SoCal Implementation.

The framework for developing the FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan that focuses on SCAG's vision and priorities and improves the organization and its operations. The FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget supports Strategic Plan Priority #5 – Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities. All the work programs funded in the budget support at least one of the five Strategic Plan Priorities.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget is \$390.82 million. **Table 1** summarizes the funding sources included in the proposed FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$390.82 million. The proposed draft budget is 10.07% less than FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 1. This decrease is primarily due to lower carryover funding when compared to the FY 2024-25 budget. The reduction in carryover funding results from projects funded with various one-time grant funds making progress toward completion, such as reductions of \$35.44 million in Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) suballocation and in-kind match, and the \$9.59 million reduction in REAP 2019 and REAP 2021 funding. Additional details are found in the **Funding Sources** section below.

The FY 2025-26 Funding Sources include \$3.25M in over-recovered indirect costs and (\$0.65M) in under-recovered fringe benefits costs from FY 2023-24. Information on activities supported by the funding sources listed in **Table 1** is provided in the **Funding Source** section of this staff report below.

Table 1. FY 2025-26 Funding Sources		
FUNDING SOURCES	FY25 Amend 1	FY26 Draft
Recurring Funding Sources		
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	29,217,057	27,434,880
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	17,414,572	16,753,729
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	9,060,758	9,376,070
TDA	10,516,359	10,141,654
General Fund	3,224,698	2,817,857
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	10,351,736	16,171,778
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program	2,424,178	4,842,454
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program	1,465,323	2,174,440
One-Time/Special Grants and Third-Party Contribution Funding Sources		
FTA 5304 - Strategic Partnerships Transit	500,000	497,361
FHWA SPR - Strategic Partnerships	500,000	486,194
Safe Streets and Roads for All	12,000,000	11,700,000
Federal Other	4,623,574	1,929,203
State Other	4,919,506	4,706,150
SHA - Sustainable Communities Grants	299,959	250,000
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2019 Grants	1,618,152	-
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants	215,442,243	207,473,502
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	16,618,913	14,618,913
In-Kind Commitments	6,149,085	5,767,848
Cash/Local Other	84,674,911	51,082,241
SUBTOTAL	431,021,024	388,224,274
Fringe Benefits Carryforward	1,912,094	(654,923)
Indirect Cost Carryforward	1,588,234	3,249,895
SUBTOTAL	3,500,328	2,594,972
Indirect Cost Budget Change/Allocated Indirect Cost Change	47,976	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	434,569,328	390,819,246

FUNDING SOURCES

The funding sources for all budget programs, including the OWP, FTA Grant, TDA, and General Fund, and the supported activities are highlighted as follows.

A. Recurring Funding Sources:

Recurring funding sources include the federal and state transportation planning funding sources that are allocated by Caltrans to SCAG annually on a formula basis. Also included in the recurring funding sources are Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding, which is allocated by the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) in accordance with the State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2, as well as the General Fund that is funded primarily by the membership dues collected from SCAG members agencies in accordance with the By-Laws. Detailed descriptions for each of the funding sources are as follows.

FHWA PL and FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Formula Funds (\$44.19 million)

The proposed FY 2025-26 OWP Budget includes \$44.19 million of FHWA PL and FTA 5303 metropolitan planning formula funds. Both funding sources are allocated to MPOs on an annual basis, and SCAG uses the funding to support the development of various transportation plans and transportation improvement programs.

Sustainable Communities SB 1 Formula Grants (\$9.38 million)

Sustainable Communities SB 1 Formula Grants are allocated via formula (consistent with the FHWA PL formula) to the MPOs. The SB 1 Grants support local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP/SCS, contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals.

TDA Funds (\$ 10.14 million)

Approximately \$9.36 million of TDA funds is included in the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget and the funding supports consultant and staff-related costs for transportation planning activities. It is primarily used to fund consultant activities. The remaining \$0.78 million is included outside of the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget and primarily supports SCAG's special events, such as the General Assembly and the Economic Summit.

General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule (\$2.82 million)

The proposed General Fund Budget is \$2.82 million. The General Fund Budget provides funding for the Regional Council and its Subcommittees for stipends and travel, General Assembly, and other expenditures that may not be eligible for grant reimbursement. The General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval on May 1, 2025. The Membership Assessment is calculated in accordance with the SCAG bylaws, and the membership dues have been adjusted by the recent year-over-year change in the Consumer Price Index, which is 3.4240%. The Membership Assessment also includes tribal governments; these dues were calculated following the process prescribed in the SCAG bylaws using population data from the U.S. Decennial Census and American Community Surveys when available. For the tribal governments of which population data was not readily available, staff recommends assessing a flat rate dues amount of \$150. Should the population data become

available, the dues assessment may be recalculated. Additional details on the General Fund expenditures and the Membership Assessment Schedule can be found in the FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget.

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) (\$16.17 million), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program (\$4.84 million), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program (\$2.17 million)

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is a new program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It funds transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation sources. For each fiscal year, 65 percent of the CRP funding to the State is apportioned annually by population to MPOs and RTPAs (Local CRP funds). SCAG, as the MPO, is responsible for the selection of Local CRP-funded projects in the SCAG region. Following discussion with key stakeholders and consistent with the Regional Council approval, 65 percent of the Local CRP funds is currently available through a Call-for-Projects process and SCAG will retain 35 percent of the Local CRP funds to support various projects that achieve regional transportation goals and objectives. Use of the 35 percent of the Local CRP funds is included in the annual SCAG Overall Work Program.

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program is a federal funding source that may be used for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance of highways, bridges, and public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is a federal funding source for transportation projects and programs to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas). Roughly \$290 million in STBG and \$290 million in CMAQ funds for a combined amount of \$580 million annually is apportioned to the SCAG region. As of July 1, 2023, SCAG is responsible for the selection of STBG/CMAQ-funded projects in the SCAG region. SCAG reserves the right to set aside up to 2.5 percent of the annual obligational authority for CMAQ and STBG funds apportioned to the SCAG region to support regional planning priorities that are led by SCAG and/or in partnership with the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs). Use of the 2.5 percent funds is included in the annual SCAG Overall Work Program.

The FY 2025-26 budget for these fund sources include both the grant carryover from FY 2024-25 of \$11.74 million, as well as new allocations added for FY 2025-26 of \$11.45 million. Some of these funds are still pending the grant agreement executions and/or the funding authorization by Caltrans.

B. One-Time/Special Grants and Third-Party Contribution Funding Sources:

One-Time/Special Grants include federal and state financial assistance awarded to SCAG through a formula or competitive grants process. These are one-time resources provided to SCAG for specific activities identified in the grant proposals and agreements. The One-Time/Special Grants funding sources support activities that augment existing projects or fund new innovative initiatives. Third-party contributions include in-kind commitments and cash received from SCAG's partner agencies as a match for recurring and grant fund sources for various transportation planning-related projects.

FTA 5304 – Strategic Partnership Transit (\$0.50 million) and FHWA SPR – Strategic Partnerships (\$0.49 million)

FTA 5304 and FHWA SPR funds local and regional multimodal transportation planning projects, in partnership with Caltrans of regional, interregional and statewide significance, that support achieving the Caltrans Mission and other State Goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process. In FY 2025-26, Caltrans awarded \$1.0 million in total through its annual, competitive selection process to SCAG. The amounts included in FY 2025-26 budget represent the carryover grant funding.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (\$11.70 million)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. SCAG was awarded \$12 million in federal funding in FY 2023-24 to fund three initiatives over five years: the Regional Safety Action Plan, the Go Human Safety Program, and Quick-Build demonstrations. \$11.7 million of the \$12 million is being carried over to FY 2025-26. The grant agreement for this funding is still pending execution.

Federal Other (\$1.93 Million) and State Other (\$4.71 million)

The federal and state other sources include various federal and state funds that SCAG has secured through competitive or sub-allocation processes. For the Federal Other, the proposed budget includes \$1.93 million in the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget. This includes grant carryover funding from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs). The funding renewal amendment for the DOE funding is still pending execution.

For the State Other, the proposed budget includes \$4.71 million in the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget. The State Other funding sources include the grant carryover from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the Active Transportation Program (ATP), and the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC).

State Highway Account (\$0.25 million)

State Highway Account funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP/SCS, contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals. It also funds local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerability by developing climate adaptation plans. In FY 2023-24, Caltrans awarded \$0.30 million through its annual, competitive selection process to SCAG and the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians for the Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan project, and the awarded funds are being carried over into FY 2025-26.

REAP 2.0 Grant Program (\$207.47 million)

HCD administers the REAP 2.0 program and provides funding to support transformative and innovative projects that implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy and help accelerate infill housing and the reduction in per capita Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). In FY 2024-25, the State budget announced by Governor Gavin Newsom reduced the REAP 2.0 program allocation for SCAG from \$246.02 million to \$231.55 million. The proposed budget includes the estimated carryover of REAP 2.0 funds of \$207.47 million.

Last Mile Freight Program Grant (\$14.62 million)

State Health & Safety Code Section 44225 (AB2766) established the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) to develop a work program to fund projects that help reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air District. MSRC provides SCAG the financial assistance which supports the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP). In FY 2020-21, SCAG was awarded \$10 million in grant funding for the LMFP, of which the award amount was subsequently increased to \$16.75 million in FY 2022-23. The proposed budget includes the estimated carryover of the LMFP Grant funds for \$14.62 million.

In-kind commitments (\$5.77 million) and Cash/Local Other (\$51.08 million)

The proposed FY 2025-26 OWP budget includes \$5.77 million for third-party contributions for transportation planning projects, primarily to match the federal and state transportation planning funds. The Cash/Local Other of \$51.08 million is included in the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget as well as the FTA Grant Budget and represents local cash contributions from partner agencies on joint-effort projects, as well as third-party contributions from SCAG's sub-recipients as the match contributions for the sub-allocated grant opportunities. Of the \$51.08 million in cash/local other, the LMFP subrecipient match represents \$50.44 million. The remaining portion, \$0.64 million, represents the cash contributions from our partner agencies.

Draft Overall Work Program (OWP)

As a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), SCAG is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop an annual Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP identifies

the work that will be accomplished during the 2025-26 fiscal year. It discusses the planning priorities, the needs of the region, and the specific programs to meet those needs. Of the \$390.82 million of FY 2025-26 funding sources, \$384.38 million, or 98%, will fund the OWP programs detailed below.

On January 30, 2025, SCAG held its annual OWP development and coordination meeting with Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA representatives. SCAG staff presented the proposed work program for FY 2025-26 and reported accomplishments and progress on major projects in the current fiscal year. The proposed FY 2025-26 OWP Budget is \$384.38 million. The Draft OWP (<https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/fy25-26-draft-owp.pdf>) will be released for a 30-day public comment period from March 6, following the RC meeting to April 7, 2025 via the link provided in this report (<https://scag.ca.gov/post/draft-fiscal-year-2025-26-overall-work-program>). Staff will receive and address comments in the Final OWP before it is submitted to the Regional Council for final approval on May 1, 2025, and to Caltrans by May 9, 2025. The proposed FY 2025-26 OWP Budget is \$384.38 million and includes various federal and state funding sources. The following table shows the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget by program area:

PROGRAM		Total
010	System Planning	1,807,509
015	Transportation Finance	856,737
020	Environmental Planning	1,119,224
025	Air Quality and Conformity	1,062,210
030	Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	4,143,260
045	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	6,430,808
050	Active Transportation Planning	595,335
055	Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis	2,079,531
060	Corridor Planning	36,821
065	Sustainability Program	3,109,455
070	Modeling	9,784,444
080	Performance Assessment, Monitoring & Strategy	1,250,772
090	Public Information and Communications	5,339,462
095	Regional Outreach and Public Participation	5,223,044
100	Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities	2,984,222
115	Clean Technology Program	365,983
120	OWP Development and Administration	1,657,143
130	Goods Movement	9,998,947
140	Transit and Rail Planning	1,280,545
145	Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnership Planning Grant	1,169,541
156	Climate Adaptation Planning	280,597
225	Special Grant Projects	16,498,485
230	Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning	470,239
235	Local Information Services Program	684,859
267	Clean Cities Program	109,562
275	Sustainable Communities Program	7,698,698
280	Future Communities Initiative	50,000
290	Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities	8,550,315
303	Economic Empowerment	121,883
305	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – REAP 2.0	207,473,502
310	Planning Strategy Development and Implementation	5,079,702
315	Last Mile Freight Program - MSRC	65,456,792
325	Regional Pilot Initiatives	4,591,849
400	Planning and Implementation for the 2028 Games	6,158,167
500	Federal Highway Funding Project Selection, Monitoring, and Delivery	858,727
TOTAL COSTS		384,378,370

CEQA Compliance

To the extent the OWP contains projects requiring a discretionary decision by SCAG, the projects are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Where SCAG is undertaking these projects, it will comply with CEQA. Generally, based on experience, projects where SCAG is undertaking a project are anticipated to be exempt from CEQA based on statutory requirements (the CEQA definition of a project, planning and/or feasibility studies) and/or the project falling into

one or more of the categories of projects that are considered exempt under CEQA Guidelines. Projects programmed in the RTP and FTIP and their amendments are required to undergo an environmental review by the lead agency at the project level. To the extent SCAG is providing funding to the projects via federal and state grants, such projects are subject to agreements with SCAG which require the grant recipient to undertake an environmental review at the project level.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES

Table 2 summarizes the expenditure categories in the proposed FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget, totaling \$390.82 million.

Table 2. FY 2025-26 Expenditures		
EXPENDITURES	FY25 Amend 1	FY26 Draft
Salaries & Benefits	47,093,035	49,662,559
Consultants	63,993,198	59,275,865
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	193,604,144	200,849,561
Non-Profits/IHL	10,500	10,500
In-Kind Commitments	6,149,085	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	83,825,061	50,437,747
Capital Outlay	-	160,000
Other Costs	39,894,305	24,716,375
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	434,569,328	390,819,246

Additional information on the expenditure categories detailed in **Table 2** follows:

- 1) The 5.5% increase in Salaries and Benefits is primarily attributed to a net increase of two positions in the total headcount, projected performance-based merit increases, an increase to the required CalPERS payment, and increasing healthcare benefits costs. Additional information on salaries and fringe benefit costs is provided in the **Salaries, Fringe Benefits and Indirect Cost Budget** section below.
- 2) The combined reduction of 9.0% in Consultants, Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments, Non-Profits/IHL, In-Kind Commitments, and Cash/Local Other results from various projects funded with one-time grants advancing towards completion, reducing remaining expenditures.

The \$59.28 million of the Consultants line includes:

- \$8.25 million in resources to support Connect SoCal's development, outreach, and implementation;
- \$2.78 million in resources to support Consultant activities funded with Indirect Cost, General Fund, TDA, and FTA Grant budget programs;
- \$3.40 million for REAP 2.0 activities;
- \$8.08 million for one-time grant funded activities, inclusive of match amounts;
- \$20.10 million for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funding, inclusive of match amounts, to support new programs; and
- \$16.67 million is for resources allocated prior to FY 2023-24 to our partner agencies through the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) projects, the 2020 SCP Call projects, and other technical assistance resources.

The Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments line, introduced in the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, includes the carryover budget of funding to be provided to partner agencies for the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call #4, a pass-through project for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, 2024 SCP Program budgets, and various REAP 2.0 programs.

- 3) The \$160K in Capital Outlay is to upgrade microphones and audio systems in large conference rooms.
- 4) The 38% reduction in Other Costs is primarily due to the labor budget set aside under the Other Costs category in the FY 2024-25 budget being shifted to the Salaries & Benefits category in FY 2025-26. Most one-time grant awards provide funding for multiyear projects; to reserve funding needed to support SCAG grant-related labor costs in future years, funding is temporarily set aside under the Other Costs category. The set-aside labor budget is shifted from the Other Costs category to Salaries and Benefits as needed. Further, the FY 2024-25 budget included \$4.06 million in CPG that was set aside for the FY 2025-26 anticipated expenditures.

SALARIES, FRINGE BENEFITS AND INDIRECT COST

Salaries Budget

The proposed budget includes salaries and benefits for 237 positions in the amount of \$49.66 million, representing an increase of \$2.57 million compared to FY 2024-25 Budget Amendment 1. The salary and benefits budget increase can be primarily attributed to a net increase of two limited-term positions, the projected performance-based merit increases, an increase to the required

CalPERS payment, and increasing healthcare benefits costs. The proposed budget does not include any changes to the salary schedule.

The proposed FY 2025-26 budget includes a net increase of two limited-term positions and one position status conversion from part-time to full-time. The total position count included in the FY 2025-26 budget is 237, compared to 235 as of the FY 2024-25 Budget Amendment 1. The new limited-term positions will support the transportation planning related activities in FY 2025-26. A detailed list of personnel changes is provided in **Attachment 2**.

Fringe Benefits Budget (\$20.50 million)

The Fringe Benefits Budget covers employee-associated costs such as leave expenses (vacation, holidays, personal floating holidays, sick leave, etc.), health plan expenses, retirement plan expenses, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, bus/rail/carpool expenses, tuition reimbursement expenses, technology allowance, and deferred compensation expenses. These costs are expressed as a rate for full-time regular staff. The rate is the pooled costs of the fringe benefits divided by the total salaries for full-time regular staff. The proposed fringe benefits rate for FY 2025-26 is 73.3658%, compared to 65.0352% in FY 2024-25. The fringe benefits rate is applied to all salaries in the OWP, FTA Grant, TDA, General Fund, and Indirect Cost budgets. Additional details on employee-associated costs can be found in the FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget.

Included in the proposed budget is an increase to modify an existing SCAG Benefit. The Short-Term Disability (STD) program currently has a 30-day waiting period before an employee can receive benefits. The proposed increase, which has an approximate annual cost of \$57,000, will reduce the waiting period to 14 days, which is more in alignment with comparative agencies. No other employee benefit changes are proposed.

Indirect Cost Budget (\$38.20 million)

The Indirect Cost budget provides funding for staff salaries, fringe benefits, and other non-labor costs not attributable to an individual direct program. The proposed Indirect Cost budget is \$38.20 million, which is \$3.05 million more than FY 2024-25 Budget Amendment 1, primarily due to the projected performance-based merit increases for indirect cost staff, subscriptions, hardware costs and depreciations to support the agency operational activities. The detailed line-item budget for the Indirect Cost Budget is included in the FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget.

Staff developed the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) based on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. The proposed indirect cost rate is 137.5646%, compared to 148.5690% in FY 2024-25. The final ICRP will be submitted to FTA for approval in May after the Regional Council approves the budget. The indirect costs allocated to the salaries in the OWP, FTA Grant, TDA, and General Fund budgets are \$34.95 million. The difference between the indirect cost

budget of \$38.20 million and the allocated indirect costs of \$34.95 million is \$3.25 million, which represents the over-recovery of indirect costs from FY 2023-24. The over-recovery must be carried forward as an adjustment to the indirect cost rate calculation in the FY 2025-26 ICRP, effectively truing up recovered indirect costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact as a result of the recommended actions. Staff will return to the Regional Council on May 1, 2025, to recommend the adoption of the FY 2025-26 Final Comprehensive Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FY26 DRAFT_COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET_March 6, 2025 RC Mtg
2. List of Personnel Changes - FY26 Draft Comprehensive Budget
3. DRAFT FY 2025-26 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND PUBLIC COMMENT FORM LINK

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COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

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SECTION I Overview

ORGANIZATION

INTRODUCTION

This document contains the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26.

The annual budget consists of the following:

- Overall Work Program (OWP)
A federal, state, and locally funded budget consisting of projects related to regional planning in the areas of transportation, housing, and the environment.
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Discretionary & Formula Grant Budget
A budget for federal grant funds of which SCAG is the designated recipient and must pass through to eligible public agencies for specialized transportation programs and projects.
- TDA Budget
A locally funded budget consisting of direct projects that are both inside and outside of the OWP and FTA Discretionary & Formula Grant budget programs.
- General Fund Budget (GF)
A budget that utilizes SCAG members' dues for activities not eligible for federal and state funding.
- Indirect Cost Budget (IC)
The budget for the administrative and operations support of SCAG.
- Fringe Benefits Budget (FB)
The budget for the fringe benefits and leave time of SCAG employees.

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SCAG ORGANIZATION

SCAG, founded in 1965, is a Joint Powers Authority under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. Under federal law, SCAG is designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and under state law as the Multicounty Designated Transportation Planning Agency for the six (6) county Southern California region. Through SCAG, city and county governments throughout Southern California come together to develop solutions to common problems in transportation, housing, air quality, and other issues, and to foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

SCAG's primary responsibilities include the development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); the annual OWP; and the transportation-related portions of local air quality management plans. Under the federal Clean Air Act, SCAG is responsible for determining if regional transportation plans and programs conform with applicable state air quality plans. SCAG's additional functions include the intergovernmental review of regionally significant development projects and the periodic preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

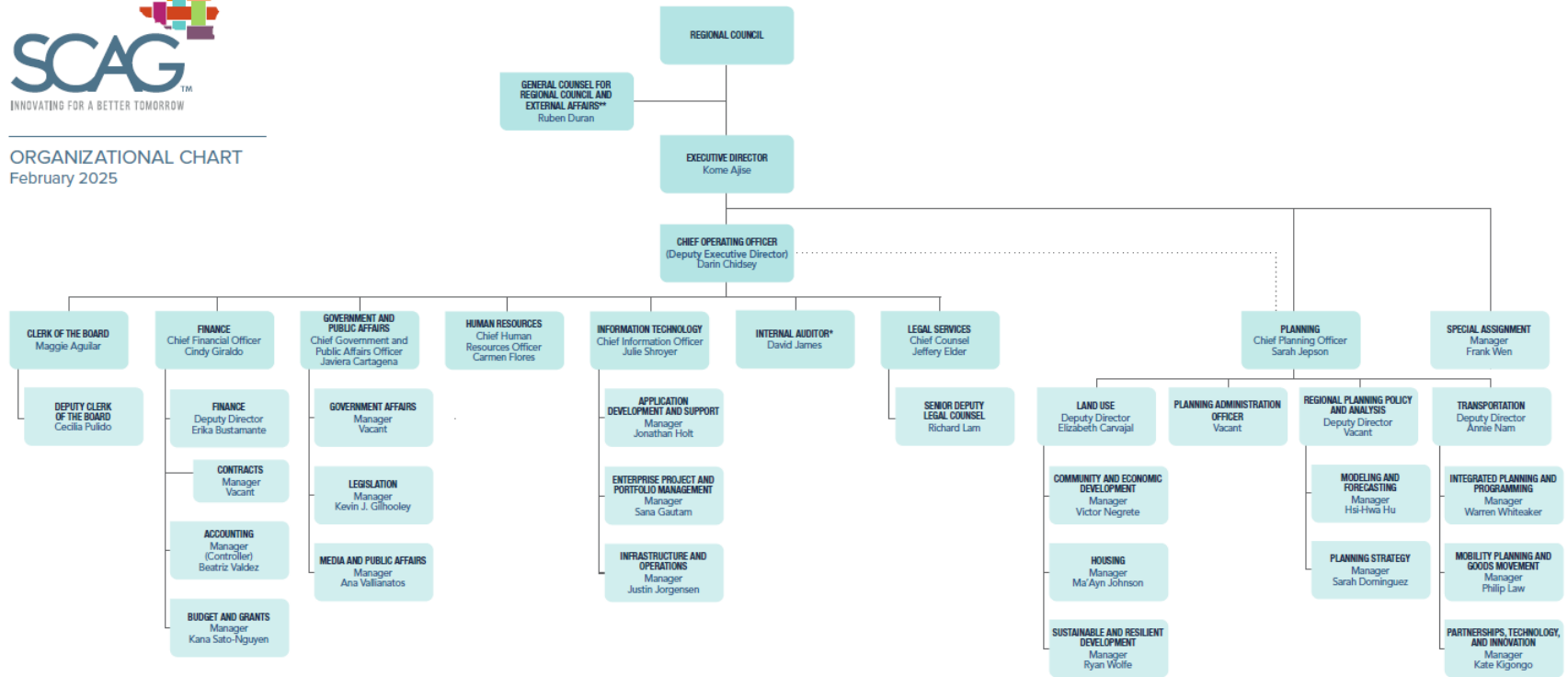
In addition to the six (6) counties and 191 cities that make up SCAG's region, there are six (6) County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) that hold the primary responsibility for programming and implementing transportation projects, programs, and services in their respective counties. The agency also operates via a number of critical partnerships at the local, state, and federal levels. In addition to its federal and state funding partners, including but not limited to, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Aviation Administration, California Transportation Commission, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), etc., SCAG's planning efforts are closely coordinated with regional transit operators, Tribal Governments and fifteen sub-regional Councils of Governments (COGs) or joint power agencies that represent SCAG's cities and counties.

The framework for developing the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan that focuses on SCAG's vision and priorities and improves the organization and its operations. The FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget supports Strategic Plan Priority #5 – Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities. All the work programs funded in the budget support at least one of the six Strategic Plan Priorities.

ORGANIZATION



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART February 2025



* Takes direction from the Audit Committee
 ** Takes direction from the Regional Council

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STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS

Vision Statement

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future.

Mission Statement

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

Core Values

Be Open

Be accessible, respectful, collaborative and transparent in the work we do.

Lead by Example

Lead with integrity and fairness in working to meet the diverse needs of all people and communities in our region.

Make an Impact

In all endeavors, effect positive and sustained outcomes that make our region thrive.

Be Courageous

Have confidence that taking deliberate, bold, and purposeful risks can yield new and valuable benefits.

Cultivate Belonging

Embrace differences, foster equity, champion inclusion and empower all.

STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

PRIORITY #1

Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future

Objectives

- 1.1 Lead on regional performance-based planning and programming to target investments toward improving the safety, efficiency, affordability, equity, sustainability and maintenance of the transportation system.
- 1.2 Facilitate corridor and network planning to realize seamless mobility and support implementation of Complete Streets, transit and multimodal integration across the SCAG region.
- 1.3 Partner to implement Transportation Demand Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems solutions to optimize system performance while planning for a connected and automated vehicle future.
- 1.4 Lead the effort to establish stable and sustainable transportation funding.
- 1.5 Provide resources and research to develop, connect, and sustain livable and thriving communities.
- 1.6 Identify solutions through regional planning and local planning programs to address systemic barriers to housing production to meet the needs of the region.
- 1.7 Lead efforts and funding opportunities to foster sustainable land use development across the SCAG region to foster growth while conserving and restoring natural and agriculture lands.
- 1.8 Coordinate with partners to meet federal and state ambient air quality standards and support local and regional climate adaptation, mitigation and resilience activities.
- 1.9 Lead and partner on planning and implementation of clean fuel and clean vehicle infrastructure.
- 1.10 Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all people in the region.
- 1.11 Lead regional planning to foster a world-class, coordinated Southern California goods movement system that accommodates growth in the throughput of freight to the region and nation in ways that support the region's economic vitality, attainment of clean air standards and quality of life for our communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN

PRIORITY #2

Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region

Objectives

- 2.1. Build a deep understanding of the needs of all our communities and stakeholders to inform our work.
- 2.2. Facilitate regional dialogue and collaboration on key issues for effective policy development.
- 2.3. Build the agency's credibility as a policy thought leader and strengthen relationships with partners across sectors and all levels of government.
- 2.4. Position SCAG as a leader in legislative advocacy and influence key policy areas.
- 2.5. Ensure members and stakeholders understand the impact of SCAG's work and are empowered to lead on regional issues (e.g., development of board policy issues).

PRIORITY #3

Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing

Objectives

- 3.1. Ensure SCAG is a trusted source for accurate data and intelligence dedicated to objective analysis of regional plans and assisting local jurisdictions with planning.
- 3.2. Lead in planning research and analysis leveraging cutting-edge tools (e.g. Big Data, AI, Activity Based Model, GIS, Scenario Planning Model, Regional Data Platform) to generate insights to inform regional and local decision-making.
- 3.3. Leverage local planning programs and pilots to reveal local solutions that can be scaled to achieve regional objectives.
- 3.4. Establish models for partnerships internally and with the private sector, universities and Community Based Organizations to leverage the diversity of skills, expertise and experience resident in the region.

PRIORITY #4

Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence

Objectives

- 4.1. Cultivate a positive employee experience where all feel valued and inspired to reach their fullest potential.
- 4.2. Utilize internal governance to define, prioritize, and resource operational improvements in support of business objectives, effectiveness and efficiency.
- 4.3. Enhance internal communication, information accessibility and knowledge management.
- 4.4. Leverage effective use of technology to improve efficiency, drive innovation, and optimize collaboration.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- 4.5. Optimize processes for efficient multi-disciplinary ideation and collaboration, from project initiation to implementation and ongoing maintenance.

PRIORITY #5

Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities

Objectives

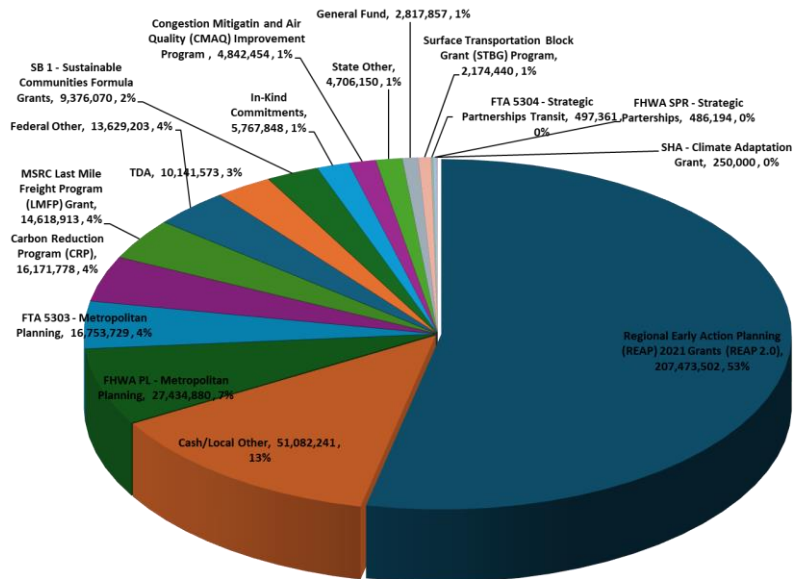
- 5.1. Maintain fair, equitable and compliant project selection and funding administration.
- 5.2. Establish recurring revenue to support essential regional needs, including community development and housing initiatives.
- 5.3. Pursue and advocate for new funding opportunities that support member agencies and SCAG.
- 5.4. Preserve and grow existing critical funding sources.
- 5.5. Explore opportunities to develop revenue-generating products and/or services.

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

FY 2025-26 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

Budget Funding Sources

SCAG receives most of its recurring funding from the Federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), which consists of Metropolitan Planning Funds from FHWA (FHWA PL) and FTA (FTA Section 5303) as well as Sustainable Communities Formula funds. In recent years, SCAG received the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which represents more than 50% of the total funding sources for the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget. More information on funding sources is detailed on pages 20-24. The following chart illustrates the source and relative value of SCAG’s funding sources.



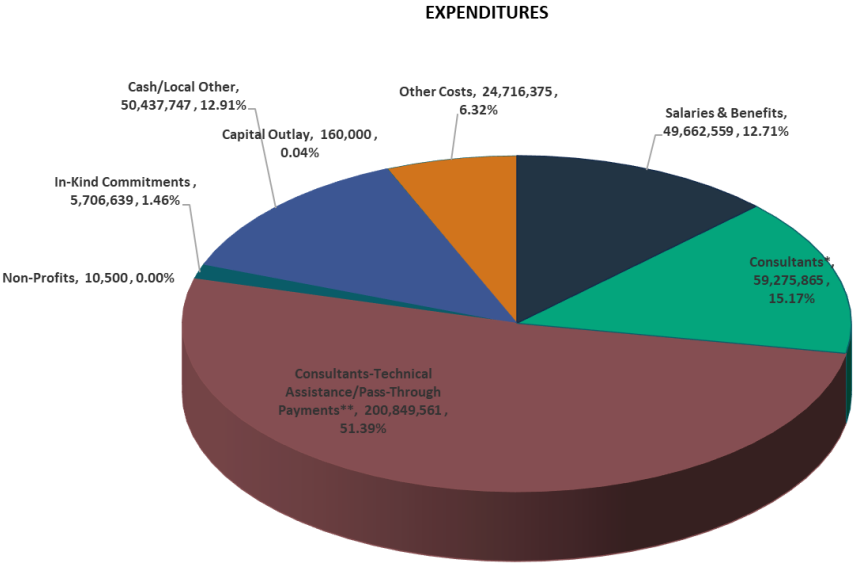
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FUNDING SOURCES	AMOUNT
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	27,434,880
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	16,753,729
FTA 5304 - Strategic Partnerships Transit	497,361
FHWA SPR - Strategic Partnerships	486,194
Federal Other	13,629,203
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	16,171,778
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program	4,842,454
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program	2,174,440
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	9,376,070
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants (REAP 2.0)	207,473,502
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	14,618,913
SHA - Climate Adaptation Grant	250,000
State Other	4,706,150
TDA	10,141,654
In-Kind Commitments	5,767,848
Cash/Local Other	51,082,241
General Fund	2,817,857
SUBTOTAL	388,224,274
Fringe Benefits Carryforward	(654,923)
Indirect Cost Carryforward	3,249,895
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	390,819,246

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Budget Expenditures

SCAG allocates its budget into eight major expenditure categories. The following chart illustrates the relative values of each category. Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments include the resources being allocated to the regional partners through the Call-for-Projects such as Sustainable Communities Programs and REAP 2.0 programs. The Consultants category in the chart and table below consists of the following cost categories: Consultant, Consultant Other, and Consultant Toll Credit (see page 12). Lastly, Other includes direct and indirect non-labor costs (see pages 12-13).



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EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Salaries & Benefits	49,662,559
Consultants*	59,275,865
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments**	200,849,561
Non-Profits	10,500
In-Kind Commitments	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	50,437,747
Capital Outlay	160,000
Other Costs	24,716,375
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	390,819,246

* Consultants includes: Consultant, Consultant Other and Consultant Toll Credit (TC)
 **Technical Assistance includes: \$2.5M for SCP, \$190M for REAP 2.0 programs, \$8.1M for 2024 SCP Active Transportation & Safety Call, and \$250K for Soboba.

LINE ITEM BUDGET

COMPREHENSIVE LINE ITEM BUDGET: FY23 THROUGH FY26

GL Account	Line Item	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	% Incr. (Decr)
500XX	Staff	\$ 25,657,565	\$ 28,056,962	\$ 32,166,544	\$ 33,859,964	5%
543XX	Consultant	23,281,839	19,077,031	68,372,908	41,470,878	-39%
54302	Non-Profits/IHL	32,760	-	-	10,500	-
54303	Consultant TC	3,462,669	3,845,734	2,060,651	17,804,987	764%
54304	Consultant - Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	-	1,337,596	171,664,739	200,849,561	17%
54340	Legal	456,833	491,788	1,234,169	711,640	-42%
54360	FTA Pass-Through Payments	1,218,653	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
55201	Network and Communications	140,957	173,089	213,950	213,950	0%
55210	Software Support	1,158,528	653,997	629,337	621,852	-1%
55220	Hardware Support	76,210	39,109	283,826	203,826	-28%
55225	Hardware Purchase < \$5,000	-	63,156	-	140,000	-
55240	Repair-Maintenance	37,788	43,630	55,000	35,000	-36%
55250	Cloud Services	-	704,958	1,395,040	1,661,498	-
55251	Cloud Support	1,371,857	997,536	338,998	103,508	-69%
55270	Software Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
55271	Owned Software	661,683	34,984	606,493	313,064	-48%
55275	Co-location Services	167,948	173,809	171,997	178,017	4%
5528X	3rd Party Contributions	5,310,141	5,688,619	89,531,700	56,205,595	-37%
55310	Furniture & Fixture Principal	160,241	-	-	-	-
55315	Furniture & Fixture Interest	2,606	-	-	-	-
55320	Audio-Visual Equipment Principal	117,205	-	-	-	-
55325	Audio-Visual Equipment Interest	2,673	-	-	-	-
55400	Office Rent / Operating Expense	2,462,907	2,618,668	2,589,665	2,693,252	4%
55410	Office Rent Satellite	133,825	137,389	304,142	164,800	-46%
55415	Off-Site Storage	19,828	24,289	105,600	120,000	14%
55420	Equipment Leases	53,265	56,220	100,000	60,000	-40%
55430	Equipment Repair-Maintenance	-	-	2,000	1,000	-50%
55435	Security Services	86,138	88,337	100,000	100,000	0%
55440	Insurance	386,453	338,872	390,000	481,743	24%
55441	Payroll / Bank Fees	45,336	49,732	51,000	111,000	118%
55445	Taxes	1,195	948	1,000	1,000	0%
55460	AV, IT or Facilities Materials & Equipment < \$5,000	1,234	10,215	154,000	54,000	-65%
55510	Office Supplies	25,781	30,763	76,300	51,000	-33%
55520	Graphic Supplies	1,485	5,500	4,000	3,000	-25%
55530	Telephone	636	629	-	-	-
55540	Postage	10,000	24	10,000	5,000	-50%
55550	Delivery Services	11,722	11,614	20,000	10,000	-50%
55580	Outreach/Advertisement	23,546	47,503	108,000	104,500	-3%
55600	SCAG Memberships	238,139	207,484	260,700	263,800	1%
55610	Professional Memberships	8,000	13,432	21,000	18,100	-14%
55611	Professional Dues	3,656	3,235	3,250	3,720	14%
5562X	Resource and Materials, GASB96 & non-GASB96 Subscriptions	456,914	1,516,996	2,905,195	3,323,082	14%
55630	COVID Facility Expense	6,898	4,207	-	-	#DIV/0!
55631	ADA & Safety Compliance	-	-	15,000	5,000	-67%
55700	Depreciation - Furniture & Fixture	31,887	-	300,000	-	-100%
55710	Depreciation - Computer	391,196	384,515	-	450,000	-
557XX	Amortization - Software & Lease	161,713	161,713	75,000	185,000	147%
55730	Capital Outlay	9,887	-	-	160,000	-
55800	Recruitment - Advertising	37,534	24,675	65,000	65,000	0%
55801	Recruitment - Other	19,026	23,418	45,000	45,000	0%

LINE ITEM BUDGET

COMPREHENSIVE LINE ITEM BUDGET: FY23 THRU FY26 (CONTINUED)

GL Account	Line Item	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	% Incr. (Decr)
55810	Public Notices	82,541	37,646	-	-	#DIV/0!
55820	In-House Training	23,951	13,145	70,000	40,000	-43%
55830	Networking Meetings/Special Events	13,698	12,700	28,500	19,200	-33%
55840	Training Registration	73,176	97,436	98,000	117,000	19%
55860	Scholarships	88,000	40,000	44,000	44,000	0%
55910	RC/Committee Meetings	-	31,113	5,000	5,000	0%
55912	EAC Retreat	33,936	27,950	20,000	30,000	50%
55914	RC General Assembly	842,215	715,370	848,225	843,225	-1%
55915	Demographic Workshop	-	20,713	28,000	28,000	0%
55916	Economic Summit	150,317	178,306	188,000	187,000	-1%
55920	Other Meeting Expense	110,458	89,354	219,250	219,800	0%
55930	Miscellaneous Other	32,322	9,722	60,700	46,700	-23%
55931	Miscellaneous Labor	-	-	1,744,498	176,812	-90%
55932	Miscellaneous Labor Future	-	-	7,393,647	9,063,516	23%
55936	Engagement Committee	19,986	16,921	20,000	20,000	0%
55937	Employee Recognition	4,583	6,476	15,000	15,000	0%
55938	Department Allowances	8,548	9,768	15,000	15,000	0%
55940	Stipend-RC Meetings	227,690	249,570	301,683	301,683	0%
55950	Temporary Help	90,763	17,797	160,000	160,000	0%
56100	Printing	2,313	13,531	26,300	10,000	-62%
5810X	Travel - Outside & International	138,950	165,618	402,100	495,050	23%
58101	Travel - Local	36,659	41,639	83,578	81,078	-3%
58110	Mileage - Local	32,588	37,199	60,900	55,750	-8%
581XX	Staff Lodging Expense & Fees	14,813	19,954	15,500	15,000	-3%
58800	RC Sponsorships	125,228	110,850	165,000	165,000	0%
59090	Expense - Local Other	284,227	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
60041	Vacation Cash Out	85,119	84,943	86,000	88,000	2%
6011X	PERS	7,048,671	7,837,862	8,904,791	9,082,379	2%
60120	Retirement-PARS	81,555	83,186	82,367	84,568	3%
60200	Health Insurance - Active Employees	1,877,241	2,685,835	3,147,400	3,354,400	7%
60201	Health Insurance - Retirees PAYGO	565,996	570,475	767,068	741,736	-3%
60202	Health Insurance - Retirees GASB 45	134,696	97,900	-	-	-
60210	Dental Insurance	243,614	255,747	292,842	319,562	9%
60220	Vision Insurance	67,563	72,801	82,796	87,751	6%
60225	Life Insurance	134,418	145,258	143,383	178,545	25%
60240	Medicare Tax Employers Share	373,931	418,513	460,587	485,141	5%
60250	Medicare Tax ER - Interns	4,315	3,994	4,495	4,495	0%
60255	Social Security ER - Interns	16,916	16,951	19,220	19,220	0%
60300	Tuition Reimbursement	24,298	12,729	33,776	43,776	30%
60310	Transit Passes	25,584	26,649	35,000	82,500	136%
60315	Bus Passes NT - Interns	777	155	1,000	1,000	0%
60360	De Minimis Employee Exp	-	-	15,000	15,000	0%
60365	De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	-	-	5,172	4,232	-18%
60366	Technology Allowance	271,694	364,592	390,600	398,160	2%
60367	Technology Allowance Intern	20,994	25,912	28,962	23,696	-18%
60400	Workers Compensation Insurance	158,739	172,798	158,739	173,500	9%
60405	Unemployment Compensation Insurance	744	6,406	35,000	35,000	0%
60410	Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	13,812	11,702	12,636	12,636	0%
60415	SCAG 457 Match	111,197	485,721	439,750	446,750	2%
60450	Benefits Administrative Fees	73,835	77,435	90,913	99,848	10%
60500	Automobile Allowance	20,700	20,700	20,700	20,700	0%
	Total	81,739,729	82,583,416	403,702,282	390,819,246	-3%

*Totals may not add due to rounding

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DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET LINE ITEM

The following chart provides a description of each budget account/line item.

Account/Line Item	Description
500XX Staff	Staff wages including non-worktime.
54300 Consultant	Outside experts retained to provide special expertise.
54301 Consultant – Other	Same as 54300 above. Outside experts retained to provide special expertise, specifically for IT services.
54302 Non-Profits / IHL	Partnerships with non-profit organizations and institutes of higher learning (IHL).
54303 Consultant TC	Same as 54300 above. Toll credits are used in lieu of local matching funds, which allows for work to be 100% funded with federal funds.
54304 Consultant – Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	Outside experts retained to provide special expertise as well as pass-through funding to partner agencies.
54315 Consultant IC – REAP Admin	Same as 54300 above. 5% administration costs that are incurred by outside experts.
54340 Legal	Outside legal experts retained to provide special expertise.
54360 FTA Pass-Through Payments	FTA Payments received by SCAG but passed through to other agencies.
55201 Network and Communications	Fees paid for any network infrastructure including network circuits, internet, and VoIP systems and calling plans.
55210 Software Support	Fees paid for telephone support and updates of SCAG’s high-end desktop and network software.
55220 Hardware Support	Fees paid for maintenance and repair contracts on SCAG’s computer servers.
55240 Repair – Maintenance	Processes that do not enhance function or extend the useful life of an asset are expensed as repairs.
55250 Cloud Services	Monthly recurring costs for cloud compute and storage capacity.
55251 Cloud Support	Fees paid for any software, licenses, or software support that is managed in the cloud by a 3rd party provider or is related to cloud provided software or services.
55270 Software Purchases	Fees paid for initial software purchase.
55271 Owned Software	Fee paid for any software, licenses, or software support that is installed to or used for SCAG owned servers in our datacenters or private cloud infrastructure.
55275 Co-location Services	Fee paid for any services, products, features, or support that are provided by an IT co-location or data center provider.
5528X 3rd Party Contribution	Like-kind contributions from other agencies that are match for SCAG’s grants.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55310 Furniture & Fixtures Principal	Principal portion of furniture and fixtures debt service payments.
55315 Furniture & Fixtures Interest	Interest portion of furniture and fixtures debt service payments.
55320 Audio-visual Equipment Principal	Principal portion of audio-visual equipment debt service payments.
55325 Audio-visual Equipment Interest	Interest portion of audio-visual equipment debt service payments.
55400 Office Rent / Operating Expense	Rent and operating expenses paid for SCAG's main office.
55410 Office Rent Satellite	Rent paid for SCAG's satellite offices.
55415 Off-site Storage	Fees paid for off-site storage.
55420 Equipment Leases	Fees paid for copier, telephone, postage, equipment, etc.
55430 Equipment Repairs – Maintenance	Fees paid to outside vendors to repair SCAG owned equipment.
55435 Security Services	The cost of physical security services at SCAG's locations.
55440 Insurance	SCAG's liability insurance premiums.
55441 Payroll / Bank Fees	Fees paid for payroll processing & bank services.
55445 Taxes	Personal property taxes levied on SCAG's assets.
55460 AV, IT or Facilities materials & equipment <\$5,000	Used to buy capital equipment with unit costs under \$5,000 (it's not necessary to capitalize and depreciate).
55510 Office Supplies	Routine office supplies and paper for copy machines.
55520 Graphic Supplies	Materials used in the production of documents for agency communications, presentations, etc.
55540 Postage	Postage and delivery fees.
55550 Delivery Services	Cost of outside courier delivery and other non-USPS services.
55580 Outreach / Advertisement	Cost of advertising and public outreach for SCAG programs and services.
55600 SCAG Memberships	Pays for SCAG to belong to various organizations.
55610 Professional Memberships	Fees paid on behalf of SCAG employees to belong to certain professional organizations.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55611 Professional Dues	Dues paid on behalf of SCAG employees for professional licenses (Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor or State Bar).
5562X Resources and Materials, Non-GASB96 & GASB96 Subscriptions	Fees for book purchases, subscriptions and data acquisition.
55630 COVID Facility Expense	Pays for facility expenses related to COVID 19.
55631 ADA & Safety Compliance	Pays for ADA and safety compliance expenses.
55700 Depreciation – Furniture & Fixtures	The general and TDA funds buy assets that have a cost greater than \$5,000 using account 55730, Capital Outlay. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to indirect cost.
55710 Depreciation – Computer	The general and TDA funds buy assets that have a cost greater than capital acquisition threshold using account 55730, Capital Outlay. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to indirect cost.
55720 Amortization – Lease	To account for amortization of leasehold improvements.
55730 Capital Outlay	Fixed asset purchases greater than agency’s capital acquisition threshold. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to indirect cost.
55800 Recruitment – Advertising	Advertising in certain journals and publications regarding job opportunities at SCAG.
55801 Recruitment – Other	Moving expenses and cost of sponsoring foreign employees (visas).
55810 Public Notices	Legal advertising that SCAG must undertake to support certain programs or grants.
55820 In House Training	Used to provide access to outside training opportunities or to bring experts for in-house training.
55830 Networking Meetings / Special Events	Cost of informational events attended by SCAG staff and elected officials.
55840 Training Registration	Training registration cost for staff.
55860 Scholarships	Contributions by SCAG to offset the educational expense of selected students.
55910 RC / Committee Meetings	Pays for the food and other expenses associated with hosting RC and committee meetings.
55912 EAC Retreat	The EAC holds an annual off-site retreat. This budget pays for the actual meeting expenses such as meals and conference facilities.
55914 RC General Assembly	Pays for General Assembly expenses such as meals and conference facilities, as required the by the SCAG Bylaws.
55915 Demographic Workshop	Pays for the meeting expenses of the annual workshop that addresses demographic issues.
55916 Economic Summit	Pays for the meeting expenses of the annual summit that addresses economic issues.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55920 Other Meeting Expense	Pays for other expenses related to meeting support.
55930 Miscellaneous Other	Pays for other minor expenses not categorized elsewhere.
55931 Miscellaneous Labor	Pays for other labor expenses not categorized elsewhere.
55932 Miscellaneous Labor, Future	Pays for other labor expenses not categorized elsewhere for the future budget.
55936 Engagement Committee	Pays for employee engagement committee activities and projects.
55937 Employee Recognition	Pays for employee recognition activities.
55938 Department Allowances	Pays for employee recognition activities by department managers.
55940 Stipend-RC Meeting	Stipends paid to RC Members for attending meetings.
55950 Temporary Help	SCAG occasionally uses employment agencies to provide short term staffing.
56100 Printing	Pays for outside printing costs of SCAG publications and brochures.
58100 Travel	Pays for staff and RC travel on behalf of SCAG projects.
58101 Travel – Local	Travel inside the SCAG region.
58102 Travel – International	Travel outside of the United States.
58110 Mileage	Cost of automobile travel at the IRS rate per mile.
58120 Travel Agent Fees	Travel agent fees billed by Concur for online or phone reservation.
58150 Staff Lodging Expense	General funds used to pay for staff lodging expenses, under certain conditions, greater than state or federal guidelines.
58800 RC Sponsorships	General funds allocated to events supported by RC actions.
59090 Expense-Local Other	Cash contributions from local agencies for projects funded with federal pass-through funds from SCAG.
60041 Vacation Cash Out	Vacation cash-out program for staff and management.
6011X Retirement-PERS	Pays for employee share of contributions to PERS.

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Account/Line Item	Description
60120 Retirement-PARS	SCAG contribution to the supplemental defined benefit retirement plan.
60200 Health Insurance – Active Employees	SCAG contribution for employee health insurance.
60201 Health Insurance – Retirees PAYGO	Retiree health insurance premiums paid to CalPERS.
60202 Health Insurance – Retirees GASB 45	Retiree health insurance premiums paid to the California Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust, as computed by an actuary.
60210 Dental Insurance	SCAG contribution for employee dental insurance.
60220 Vision Insurance	SCAG contribution for employee vision insurance.
60225 Life Insurance	SCAG cost of life insurance for each benefit-eligible employee.
60240 Medicare Tax Employer Share	SCAG pays a percentage of 1.45% (of payroll) contribution to Medicare for all employees hired after 1986.
60250 Medicare Tax ER – Interns	SCAG pays a percentage of 1.45% (of payroll) contribution to Medicare for all employees hired after 1986.
60255 Social Security ER – Interns	Employer’s share of social security on wages paid.
60300 Tuition Reimbursement	All employees can participate in a tuition reimbursement program for work related classes.
60310 Transit Passes	All employees who utilize public transportation to commute are eligible to be reimbursed up to a specified maximum.
60315 Bus Passes NT – Interns	Interns who utilize public transportation to commute are eligible to be reimbursed up to a specified maximum.
60360 De Minimis Employee Exp	Stipends paid to employees related to COVID-19.
60365 De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	Stipends paid to interns related to COVID-19.
60366 Technology Allowance	The allowance covers phone usage, offset employees’ cost of burden utilizing internet and electricity/water while working remotely.
60367 Technology Allowance Intern	Same as 60366 above but for intern staff.
60400 Workers Compensation Insurance	This is mandated insurance for employees that provides a benefit for work-related injuries.
60405 Unemployment Comp Insurance	Payments for unemployment insurance claims filed by former employees.

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Account/Line Item	Description
60410 Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	Pays for SCAG’s Employee Assistance Program.
60415 SCAG 457 Match	SCAG staff, managers and directors receive matching funds for 457 Plan deferred compensation contributions.
60450 Benefits Administrative Fees	Pays for third parties who administer SCAG’s cafeteria plan.
60500 Automobile Allowance	Allowances payable to executives in accordance with employment contracts.

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SECTION II Budget Components

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Overall Work Program (OWP)

The Flow of Funds

Traditionally, the majority of OWP recurring funding has come to SCAG via the Federal appropriations process. Some funding has been directly allocated to SCAG, and some has “passed through” via Caltrans. In recent years, SCAG’s non-recurring funding flow has expanded due to the direct allocation from the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021. In addition, SCAG has secured various discretionary competitive grants to support its work plan and activities.

Summary of FUNDING Sources

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)

In 1997, FHWA/FTA instituted a transportation planning funds process called CPG. In California, the four CPG fund sources are described below.

1. FHWA Metropolitan Planning (FHWA PL)

Metropolitan Planning funds, otherwise known as PL funds, are available for MPOs to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process required by 23 U.S.C. 134, including the development of metropolitan area transportation plans and transportation improvement programs.

The state must make all federally authorized PL funds available to the MPOs in accordance with a formula developed by the state, in consultation with the MPOs and approved by the FHWA.

2. FTA Metropolitan Planning, Section 5303 (FTA §5303)

All MPOs with an urbanized area receive FTA §5303 funds each year to develop transportation plans and programs. The percentage of the California apportionment of FTA §5303 each MPO receives is determined by a formula agreed to by the MPOs, Caltrans and FTA.

The FTA §5303 formula has two components, a base allocation and a population component, which distributes funds according to the MPO’s percentage of statewide urbanized area population as of the most recent decennial census.

3. FHWA State Planning and Research Part I – Strategic Partnership Grants (SP&R)

Funds transportation planning studies in partnership with Caltrans that address the regional, interregional and statewide need of the State highway system, and assist in achieving other State goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

4. FTA State Planning and Research, Section 5304 Strategic Partnerships – Transit (FTA §5304)

Funds local and regional multimodal transportation planning projects, with a focus on transit, in partnership with Caltrans of regional, interregional and statewide significance, that support achieving the Caltrans Mission and other State Goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

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Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants include the State Highway Account (SHA) funds as well as Senate Bill (SB) 1 funds that are deposited into the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection as well as a formula-allocation process.

1. State Highway Account

Funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region’s RTP/SCS, contribute to the State’s GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals; funds local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerability through the development of climate adaptation plans. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

2. Sustainable Communities SB 1 Formula Grants

Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, is a transportation funding bill that will provide a reliable source of funds to maintain and integrate the State’s multi-modal transportation system. Beginning in FY 2017-18, approximately \$12.5 million in Sustainable Communities Formula Grants from SB 1 reside under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and are allocated via formula (consistent with the FHWA PL formula) to the 18 MPOs. These funds are for local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region’s RTP/SCS, contribute to the State’s GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals.

Local Funds

Each funding source described above requires that local cash or in-kind services be provided as a match. SCAG uses a combination of the following sources to meet the match requirements:

1. Transportation Development Act (TDA)

State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2 authorizes the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties to allocate up to ¾ of 1 percent of their local transportation funds to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region. As the largest source of recurring non-federal funding received by SCAG, TDA is used to fund local initiatives and to provide cash match as needed for projects funded with state or federal funds.

2. Cash Match/Local Funds

Funding from local agencies is provided to SCAG to serve as matching funds to the CPG and other grants that require local match for consultant expenditures as a condition of receiving grant funds. For example, the CPG requires a match of 11.47%. Cash/local contributions are also used to augment various projects.

3. In-Kind Match

The CPG and other grants accept in-kind match, as well as cash match, to fulfill the local match requirement for staff costs that is a condition of receiving grant funds. In-kind match includes services, such as staff time, provided by a local agency to support the work funded by a grant.

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Special Grant Funds

SCAG receives various discretionary grant funds to carry out a wide array of planning programs such as the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Clean Cities Coalition, Last Mile Freight Program, and Caltrans Local Assistance Active Transportation Program.

1. AB2766/Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Funds

State Health & Safety Code Section 44225 (AB2766) established MSRC to develop a work program to fund projects that help reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air District. MSRC provides to SCAG the financial assistance which supports Last Mile Fright Program.

2. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Funds

California OTS competitively awards to various agencies for projects that increase awareness of traffic rules, rights, and responsibilities among different age groups.

3. Department of Energy (DOE) Funds

The Department of Energy provides financial assistance to fund projects that provide technical aid and targeted outreach, within the coalition’s territory, to raise awareness and foster a greater understanding of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies to increase the market and decrease petroleum dependence.

4. Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds

ATP was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statues of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statues of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP program is funded from various federal and state funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act. Caltrans provides administrative oversight for the Programs and ensures that the terms and conditions of the California Transportation Commission’s guidelines.

5. Congressionally Directed Project

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) appropriated funding for Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP), which included a set-aside for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending. Caltrans provides administrative oversight for this program. SCAG received an award in the amount of \$480,000 under this program to support Highways to Boulevards Regional Study.

6. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program

As part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140, the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) was established to build on the success of the REAP 2019, but to expand the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments. Up to approximately \$231.5 million is available for SCAG under the REAP 2.0 for eligible activities.

7. Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant Funds

The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC) awarded SCAG \$996,058 in grant funds under the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Program which supports tribes and local

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agencies in California to expand broadband services to unserved and underserved communities. The funding will be used to conduct Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG region where the assessment would determine and provide high-level design for a maximum of three shovel-ready projects located within underserved communities.

8. Carbon Reduction Program Funds

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is a new program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It funds transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation sources. For each fiscal year, 65 percent of CRP funding to the State is apportioned annually by population to MPOs and RTPAs (Local CRP funds). SCAG, as the MPO, is responsible for the selection of Local CRP-funded projects in the SCAG region. Following discussion with key stakeholders and consistent with the Regional Council approval, 65 percent of the Local CRP funds was made available through a Call-for-Projects process and SCAG retained 35 percent of the Local CRP funds to support various projects that achieve regional transportation goals and objectives. Use of the 35 percent of the Local CRP funds is included in the annual SCAG Overall Work Program.

9. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program. It supports the California's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals by making strategic investments to protect agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG intensive uses. The funding will be used to develop a Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study and Landscape Analysis White Paper for SCAG's six county region.

10. Safe Streets and Roads for All

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The award funding from the FY23 cycle will be used to fund three initiatives over five years: the Regional Safety Action Plan, the Go Human Safety Program, and Quick-Build demonstrations. The award funding from the FY24 cycle will be used to create semi-permanent open streets events in partnership with LADOT.

11. Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program is a federal funding source that may be used for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance of highways, bridges, and public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is a federal funding source for transportation projects and programs to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas). Roughly \$290 million in STBG and \$290 million in CMAQ funds for a combined

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amount of \$580 million annually is apportioned to the SCAG region. As of July 1, 2023, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is responsible for the selection of STBG/CMAQ-funded projects in the SCAG region. SCAG reserves the right to set aside up to 2.5 percent of the annual obligational authority for STBG and CMAQ funds apportioned to the SCAG region to support regional planning priorities that are led by SCAG and/or in partnership with the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs). Use of the 2.5 percent funds is included in the annual SCAG Overall Work Program.

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OWP Budget Document

The core regional transportation planning document is the OWP, and its core product is the completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The OWP is developed by SCAG on an annual basis and serves as the planning structure that SCAG must adhere to for the state fiscal year, which is July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year. The OWP includes three component pieces:

1. **Regional Prospectus**

The prospectus section provides the context for understanding the work activities proposed and gives information about the region. It includes, but is not limited to:

- The region’s regional planning approach
- The agency’s organizational structure and interagency arrangements
- An overview of governmental and public involvement
- The progress made towards implementing the RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal)

2. **Program/Work Elements**

The Program/Work Element identifies specific planning work to be completed during the term of the OWP, as well as a narrative of previous, ongoing, and future year’s work to be completed. It also includes the sources and uses of funds.

3. **Budget Revenue & Expenditure Reports**

These summary reports list all the work elements in the OWP by funding sources and expenditure category.

The OWP, in conjunction with the Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the regional planning Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA), constitutes the annual funding agreement between the State and SCAG. Although the OWP includes all planning projects to be undertaken by SCAG during the fiscal year, the OWPA and MFTA only include the CPG and Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants, including SB1 grants, described above.

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OWP Line Item Budget

The OWP Budget can be viewed in two ways: The first table is a line item budget displaying how the OWP budget is allocated. The second table shows the same budget by project and major budget category.

Cost Category	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX Staff	\$ 14,058,233	\$ 14,633,617	\$ 575,384
543XX Consultant	64,873,471	38,693,916	(26,179,555)
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	-	10,500	10,500
54303 Consultant TC	2,060,651	17,804,987	15,744,336
54304 Consultant Technical Assistance /Pass-Through Payments	171,664,739	200,849,561	29,184,822
54340 Legal	79,278	60,000	(19,278)
55510 Office Supplies	2,500	-	(2,500)
55210 Software Support	-	-	-
5528X Third party contribution	89,531,700	56,205,595	(33,326,105)
55415 Off-site storage	100,600	115,000	14,400
55460 AV, IT or Facilities materials & equipment purchases <\$5K	-	-	-
55520 Graphic supplies	-	-	-
55580 Outreach/advertisement	108,000	104,500	(3,500)
55610 Professional membership	-	-	-
5562X Resource materials, GASB 96 & Non-GASB 96 Subscriptions	1,063,900	1,203,409	139,509
55810 Public notices	-	-	-
55830 Networking meetings/special events	4,000	4,000	-
55920 Other meeting expense	36,500	37,500	1,000
55930 Miscellaneous other	26,500	17,081	(9,419)
55931 Miscellaneous labor	1,662,008	94,266	(1,567,742)
55932 Miscellaneous labor, future	7,346,670	9,033,516	1,686,846
56100 Printing	3,300	-	(3,300)
58100 Travel	199,100	278,000	78,900
58101 Travel-local	10,000	12,000	2,000
58110 Mileage	12,000	12,000	-
Sub-total	\$ 352,843,150	\$ 339,169,448	\$ (13,673,702)
51000 Fringe benefits	8,983,845	10,556,432	\$ 1,572,587
51001 Indirect costs	34,233,267	34,652,490	\$ 419,223
Total	\$ 396,060,262	\$ 384,378,370	\$ (11,681,892)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

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This table shows the same budget by program and major budget category.

Program	Total *	Other Costs	FY26 Proposed Budget			
			Non-Profit	Consultant	Consultant TC	Consultant TA
010 System Planning	1,807,509	1,777,509	-	30,000	-	-
015 Transportation Finance	856,737	756,737	-	-	100,000	-
020 Environmental Planning	1,119,224	1,119,224	-	-	-	-
025 Air Quality and Conformity	1,062,210	1,062,210	-	-	-	-
030 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	4,143,260	3,643,260	-	-	500,000	-
045 Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	6,430,808	6,147,343	-	-	283,465	-
050 Active Transportation Planning	595,335	595,335	-	-	-	-
055 Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis	2,079,531	1,634,359	-	-	445,172	-
060 Corridor Planning	36,821	36,821	-	-	-	-
065 Sustainability Program	3,109,455	2,212,104	-	897,351	-	-
070 Modeling	9,784,444	9,259,444	-	50,000	475,000	-
080 Performance Assessment, Monitoring & Strategy	1,250,772	1,250,772	-	-	-	-
090 Public Information and Communications	5,339,462	4,788,462	-	-	551,000	-
095 Regional Outreach and Public Participation	5,223,044	4,857,744	-	60,000	305,300	-
100 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities	2,984,222	1,608,034	-	1,076,188	300,000	-
115 Clean Technology Program	365,983	365,983	-	-	-	-
120 OWP Development and Administration	1,657,143	1,657,143	-	-	-	-
130 Goods Movement	9,998,947	2,553,496	-	3,717,901	3,727,550	-
140 Transit and Rail Planning	1,280,545	1,154,040	-	126,505	-	-
145 Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnership Planning Grant	1,169,541	40,069	-	1,129,472	-	-
156 Climate Adaptation Planning	280,597	30,597	-	-	-	250,000
225 Special Grant Projects	16,498,485	3,159,631	10,500	5,882,242	-	7,446,112
230 Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning	470,239	470,239	-	-	-	-
235 Local Information Services Program	684,859	534,859	-	-	150,000	-
267 Clean Cities Program	109,562	109,562	-	-	-	-
275 Sustainable Communities Program	7,698,698	993,458	-	3,525,000	-	3,180,240
280 Future Communities Initiative	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-
290 Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities	8,550,315	1,921,361	-	4,128,954	2,500,000	-
303 Economic Empowerment	121,883	121,883	-	-	-	-
305 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – REAP 2.0	207,473,502	14,098,903	-	3,401,390	-	189,973,209
310 Planning Strategy Development and Implementation	5,079,702	5,079,702	-	-	-	-
315 Last Mile Freight Program - MSRC	65,456,792	50,837,879	-	14,618,913	-	-
325 Regional Pilot Initiatives	4,591,849	1,061,849	-	-	3,530,000	-
400 Planning and Implementation for the 2028 Games	6,158,167	1,658,167	-	-	4,500,000	-
500 Federal Highway Funding Project Selection, Monitoring, and Delivery	858,727	421,227	-	-	437,500	-
Total Costs	384,378,370	127,019,406	10,500	38,693,916	17,804,987	200,849,561

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*Includes indirect costs, fringe benefits, non-labor, and in-kind match

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Program/work elements

The following section provides a summary of the OWP Programs and the Strategic Plan goal(s) each program supports.

010 System Planning

Managers: Warren Whiteaker & Philip Law

Program Objective:

Transportation System Planning involves long-term planning for system preservation, system maintenance, optimization of system utilization, system safety, and strategic system expansion of all modes of transportation for people and goods in the six-county region, including Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) is the primary vehicle SCAG uses to achieve our transportation system planning goals and objectives. As the MPO for this region, one of SCAG's major responsibilities is to develop, administer, and update the RTP/SCS. The primary objective of this work element is to ensure SCAG is fulfilling its roles and responsibilities in this area as the designated MPO and RTPA for this region. SCAG will ensure that Connect SoCal 2024 is consistent with state and federal requirements while addressing the region's transportation needs.

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Supports Priority #3 – Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing.

015 Transportation Finance

Manager: Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

This work program is critical to addressing some of SCAG's core activities—specifically, satisfying federal planning requirements on financial constraint; ensuring a reasonably available revenue forecast through the RTP/SCS planning horizon, and addressing system level operation and maintenance cost analyses along with capital cost evaluation of transportation investments. In FY 2024-25, this work program will continue refinement of the Connect SoCal financial plan and provide support for key financial strategies throughout the region.

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020 Environmental Planning

Manager: Sarah Dominguez

Program Objective:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SCAG prepares environmental documentation to ensure regulatory compliance with applicable federal and state environmental laws, monitors changes in environmental compliance requirements, and provides tools and services related to CEQA and CEQA streamlining efforts to support local jurisdictions. SCAG serves as the lead agency responsible for preparing the RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and addendums, and ensures completion of environmental documentation, such as Categorical Exemptions, for SCAG’s existing programs, as needed. Staff works closely with local and regional agencies and stakeholders and conducts consultation and public outreach during the preparation of environmental documentation.

The Intergovernmental Review (IGR) program provides informational resources to regionally significant projects, plans, and programs to facilitate the consistency of these projects with SCAG’s adopted regional plans, to be determined by the lead agencies; functions as a clearinghouse for applications for federal grants and financial assistance programs, federally required state plans, federal development activities, and environmental documents; serves as an internal resource for submitted project information to support the Connect SoCal update and regional performance monitoring and assessment; and coordinates internal input to integrate performance monitoring in the review of environmental documents for regionally significant projects.

Strategic Plan:

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025 Air Quality and Conformity

Manager: Sarah Dominguez

Program Objective:

The Air Quality Planning and Conformity program oversees and performs regional transportation conformity

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determinations and related air quality planning, analysis, documentation, and policy implementation in SCAG region. This includes preparing transportation conformity analyses for RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments; fulfilling federally required interagency consultation, processing and acting as clearinghouse for particulate matter (PM) hot spot analyses for transportation projects through the Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG); monitoring, participating in, and reporting on relevant federal, California, and regional air quality rulemaking; collaborating with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and local air districts on development of air quality management plans/state implementation plans (AQMPs/SIPs); identifying and proactively addressing potential conformity failures and potential highway sanctions; developing SCAG’s portion of South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (commonly known as Appendix IV-C); ensuring the timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs); and participating in the development and implementation of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) work programs.

Strategic Plan:

- Supports Priority #2 – Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.
- Supports Priority #3 – Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

030 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Manager: Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a federally mandated four-year program of all surface transportation projects and programs that will receive federal funding or are subject to a federally required action. The FTIP is a key programmatic tool that helps to implement the RTP/SCS. The 2023 FTIP was federally approved for transportation conformity on December 16, 2022, and the 2025 FTIP is anticipated to be federally approved for transportation conformity in December 2024. The FTIP is developed to incrementally implement the programs and projects in the RTP/SCS in accordance with federal and state requirements. The FTIP is amended on an on-going basis, as necessary, thereby allowing projects consistent with the RTP/SCS to move forward toward implementation. SCAG continues to work with consultant to enhance the functionality of the eFTIP database to ensure requirements to programming and performance monitoring are consistent with federal guidance.

Consistent with the findings of the region’s 2022 Federal Certification Review, SCAG also selects, monitors, and manages Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) federally funded projects. Selected projects advance Connect SoCal and associated performance targets.

Strategic Plan:

- Supports Priority #1 – Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

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Supports Priority #2 – Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

Supports Priority #5 – Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional planning.

045 Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Managers: Hsi-Hwa Hu & Jonathan Holt

Program Objective:

Analyzing and visualizing regional geographic data, often on a map, is where many Planning efforts begin. This program provides agency-wide GIS operations and support. It fosters widespread use of geographic data in data-driven planning, geospatial analysis, data visualization, GIS mapping, as well as GIS application development by leveraging location intelligence. To enhance GIS workflows, staff applies GIS modeling and analytics techniques to streamline regional geospatial database development and maintenance processes. GIS staff establishes innovative analytical and visualization methodologies to facilitate and support policy and planning analysis. In addition, GIS staff provides professional GIS technical support and training to SCAG staff. To support SCAG’s ongoing role as a Regional Information Center, the program manages and maintains regional geospatial data and information for policy and planning analysis for Southern California and provides data and visualization services and support to better serve the needs of the agency and stakeholders.

Additional goals include developing cutting-edge web-GIS applications and tools for information sharing and innovative planning; developing and managing SCAG’s Enterprise GIS and RDP systems (including GIS hardware/software, GIS database, GIS analysis, and GIS applications); developing and implementing GIS governance and GIS data management standards and providing value-added GIS technical services and products to our local jurisdictions.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Priority #3 - Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

Supports Priority #4 - Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

050 Active Transportation Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG will continue to research and explore opportunities and partnerships to implement the core regional active transportation strategies. In addition, SCAG will develop partnerships and strategies that are coordinated with the deployment of shared mobility services to advance complete streets goals and reduce the use of Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOVs) for short trips. SCAG will also work with Caltrans, counties, and individual cities to

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fund local active transportation plans and multi-jurisdictional active transportation projects that are part of Connect SoCal, the 2024 RTP/SCS.

SCAG will also continue to manage the Regional Active Transportation Program, including providing technical assistance to project sponsors, managing planning and program grants, tracking project delivery, and preparing program amendments, as necessary. SCAG will provide leadership and input at the state and regional levels to ensure future funding cycles align with regional planning goals. Through continued collaboration with the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans and the Southern California county transportation commissions, SCAG will also work to improve the application and allocation procedures.

Efforts will also be continued to expand and support capability to measure the impact of active transportation investments, including through better data collection, modeling, and co-benefit analysis (focusing on greenhouse gas emissions, public health and the economy).

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055 Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis

Managers: Ryan Wolfe & Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

The key focus of this work element is to collect, compile, assess, analyze, and research socioeconomic, technology advancement, and demographic data and their trends, develop value-added information products, including but not limited to regional and county-level population, household and employment estimates and projections to inform regional planning and policy development.

This program also addresses the following: promote and advance in-house research and capacity with trainings and teaching research methodology, data, analytical tools - GIS, statistics, programming across the agency. Collaboration with universities, research institutes and planning partners and peer agencies jointly conduct research and data sharing on important and emerging regional challenges and issues. Serve as the regional data and information hub, promote data and information driven decision-making process and outcome. Additional program objectives include actively promoting and advocating for SCAG’s innovative planning practices and experiences across the nation and internationally by organizing and conducting summits, workshops, symposiums, participation, presentation at key conferences, and publications in the peer-reviewed journals.

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060 Corridor Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Staff will provide input to the RTP/SCS on the design concept and scope of major transportation corridor investments, as identified upon the completion of corridor planning studies conducted under this work element and in partnership with other agencies. Staff will also initiate and/or support our partners in developing comprehensive, multi-modal and sustainable corridor plans that will meet the needs of the region, including providing a greater diversity of mobility choices and a well maintained, sustainable and safer transportation system. Additionally, staff will ensure that corridor planning studies are completed in accordance with federal transportation planning requirements as identified in 23 CFR 450. Lastly, staff will engage with state and local partners, including Caltrans and local jurisdictions, on efforts to reconnect communities by planning for the removal, retrofit, or mitigation of existing transportation facilities (e.g., highways or rail lines).

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065 Sustainability Program

Manager: Ryan Wolfe

Program Objective:

SCAG’s Sustainability Program is a core effort for implementing the Connect SoCal, the 2024 RTP/SCS. The program demonstrates that the region can achieve mobility, air quality, and public health goals through local land use and policy changes along with targeted transportation investments. The program also focuses on developing regional resiliency strategies; explores pressing issues and possible challenges Southern California’s residents may face in the coming decades, including climate change impacts to public health; furthers the region’s ability to model the impacts of transportation and land use changes on public health; and considers ways to address potential disruptions to anticipated regional development patterns and transportation

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investments.

Strategic Plan:

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070 Modeling

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

Provide data and modeling services for the development and implementation of the RTP/SCS, FTIP, and other major land use and transportation planning initiatives. Analyze socioeconomic data and build analytical foundations for planning activities. Develop small area demographic and employment growth forecast through collaborating with local jurisdictions and peer planning agencies and building consensus. Continue to provide small area socioeconomic data for scenario planning and transportation modeling. Provide member agencies tools and data to analyze the impacts of their land use and planning decisions. Develop, maintain, and improve SCAG’s forecasting and modeling tools to more effectively forecast small area growth, impacts of alternative scenarios, regional travel demand and estimate resulting air quality. Maintain a leadership role in the Southern California modeling community by coordinating the Region’s modeling activities. Provide technical assistance and data services to support planning analysis of member agencies and other public institutions. Promote model consistency through an active subregional modeling program. Continue ongoing modeling collaboration with SCAG’s partners to advance the region’s modeling practices.

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080 Performance Assessment, Monitoring, & Strategy

Manager: Sarah Dominguez

Program Objective:

Provide performance assessment and monitoring of the SCAG region that is consistent with federal performance-based planning, monitoring, and reporting guidance. Ensure the region is on track toward achieving the goals of the RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal) and in the implementation of Connect SoCal. Performance Assessment, Monitoring, and Strategy tasks including the collection and analysis of data needed to identify and evaluate regional growth and development trends, transportation system performance, environmental quality,

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regional sustainability and climate resilience, public health, housing affordability, and the socioeconomic well-being of people in the region.

The results of the regional performance monitoring and assessment program provide the basis for informed policy making, investment planning, and the effective implementation of Connect SoCal. To support this effort, SCAG is in the process of developing a regional performance monitoring dashboard application to enhance the visualization, communication, and reporting of regional performance relative Connect SoCal objectives. The provision of assistance to local jurisdictions in the implementation of the revised CEQA transportation impact assessment requirements established through SB 743 is also included in this task item. This program also coordinates with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the management of the annual local data collection process in support of the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS).

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090 Public Information & Communications

Manager: Ana Vallianatos

Program Objective:

Develop and execute a comprehensive external communications program that informs the region's diverse audiences about SCAG programs, plans, initiatives, and services. SCAG's communications strategies facilitate the agency's transportation planning activities by helping to inform the general public, media, agency stakeholders and partners about the existence, purpose and potential impact of these activities, and to convey this information in ways that are engaging and easy to understand for general audiences. SCAG communicates through various email and social media channels, engagement with local media, video production, websites, print collateral and workshops/events.

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095 Regional Outreach & Public Participation

Manager: Kevin Gilhooley & Carmen Flores

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Program Objective:

Provide support for federal and state mandated public outreach for SCAG’s planning activities. Engage regional stakeholders in the SCAG planning and programming process through the support, assessment, and enhancement of outreach efforts to local governments, tribal governments, and members of the various stakeholder entities, including academia, business, community, and environmental groups, as well as other interested parties. The SCAG Regional Offices are critical components in these efforts, with SCAG staff assigned to an office in each county in the SCAG region.

Strategic Plan:

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- Supports Priority #4 – Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

100 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities

Manager: Kate Kigongo, Philip Law & Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

Under this program, staff will identify and create plans, policies, and tools to support deployment and integration of technologies and Smart Cities strategies, to achieve regional goals including mobility and sustainability. SCAG will plan for and support ubiquitous regional broadband deployment, access and adoption to provide the necessary infrastructure and supporting policies for Smart Cities Strategies and other transportation planning initiatives and will work towards documenting and disseminating the benefits of these strategies throughout the region. SCAG will continue engaging with regional stakeholders on ITS and ITS related matters, including use and maintenance of the updated Regional ITS Architecture. Additionally, SCAG will maintain the web-accessible Architecture and provide documentation to maximize its usability and ensure on-going maintenance. SCAG will seek to provide training and educational opportunities to stakeholders on ITS related topics in partnership with FHWA/Caltrans as opportunities become available.

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115 Clean Technology Program

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Manager: Kate Kigongo

Program Objective:

Through the Clean Technology Program, SCAG will work towards the Connect So Cal long term vision of a zero-emission transportation system, using cleaner mobility options where zero emission options are not feasible. SCAG will identify and create plans, policies, and tools to support demonstration, deployment and integration of clean mobility strategies consistent with regional goals; to continue engaging with regional stakeholders on clean mobility related matters, develop planning tools, provide technical assistance, and prepare the region for funding opportunities to support this objective; and to develop and convey Clean Mobility strategies in the Connect SoCal update and support modeling efforts on clean mobility assumptions and analysis.

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120 OWP Development & Administration

Manager: Kana Sato-Nguyen

Program Objective:

Develop, administer, and monitor the Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP is a required function of SCAG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for this region and provides a detailed description of the planning activities that will be completed by the MPO and its partners in the fiscal year.

Strategic Plan:

- Supports Priority #5 – Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

130 Goods Movement

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

This work program focuses on integrating freight related transportation initiatives into the regional transportation planning process, including through development of the Comprehensive Sustainable Freight

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Plan and Implementation Strategy. This includes but is not limited to a systems level plan for inland port strategies, along with strategic operational approaches to address increasing supply chain volatility and to prepare for major events. Under this program, SCAG will plan and advocate for funding, policies, and programs to optimize the intermodal goods movement network through increases in economic efficiency, congestion mitigation, safety and air quality improvements, mitigation of community impacts, and enhancements to system security.

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140 Transit and Rail Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG supports and engages transit and rail operations in corridor and regional planning efforts and in further refining the transit and rail strategies for inclusion in future updates to Connect SoCal. SCAG will continue to implement FTA requirements for performance-based planning and coordinate with transit operators to address transit safety and transit asset management (TAM). SCAG will continue to assess and monitor regional transit system performance and work with transit operators through the Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee to ensure stakeholder input and participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the SCAG MOUs with the transit operators.

Strategic Plan:

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145 Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnerships Planning Grant Program

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

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To encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals; to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system; and to support planning actions at the local and regional levels that advance climate change efforts on the transportation system.

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156 The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Manager: Ryan Wolfe

Program Objective:

To encourage local and regional identification of transportation system vulnerabilities and climate-related risks to existing transportation infrastructure, identification of adaptation planning projects that address climate risk impacts to existing transportation infrastructure, and planning for specific climate projects that can be programmed in existing local or regional transportation plans.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Priority #5 - Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

225 Special Grant Projects

Manager: Sarah Dominguez, Philip Law, Victor Negrete & Kate Kigongo

Program Objective:

To fund and participate in environmental and transportation specialized projects with funding from discretionary grants and/or local funds contributed by local jurisdictions. Grants assist the region and local agencies to better integrate land use, technology and transportation planning to develop alternatives for addressing growth, sustainability and to assess efficient infrastructure investments that meet community needs. In addition, staff secured a grant through the Office of Traffic Safety to support Go Human, SCAG's Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encourage Campaign. The Campaign was implemented in partnership with the six county health departments and six county transportation commissions and aimed to increase rates of walking and biking while reducing collisions. The multi-pronged campaign included

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partnership development with local agencies on temporary safety demonstration projects utilizing Go Human’s Kit of Parts Lending Library, safety messaging campaigns and increasing public awareness of traffic safety measures through outreach and engagement. The multi-faceted campaign will include partnering with local agencies on demonstration projects, coordinating safety trainings and workshops, and increasing public awareness of the rules of the road through outreach and advertising partnerships.

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230 Regional Aviation & Airport Ground Access Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

The Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning (Aviation) program focuses on the region’s airports and aviation system primarily from the perspective of airport ground access and the surface transportation system. Although SCAG does not have regulatory or developmental authority over the airports, it does plan for and identify airport ground access strategies in the regional transportation plan. SCAG also plays a critical consultative and collaborative role with the airports, federal agencies, Caltrans, the transportation agencies and commissions, academic institutions, industry associations, and other transportation stakeholders. Staff will continue ongoing work on regional airport and airport ground access planning, and explore new areas of research on aviation systems planning. There will be considerable collaboration with regional partners through ongoing communication and participation on working groups and committees, including the Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC), which SCAG manages and convenes.

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235 Local Information Services Program

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Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

The Local Information Services Program mainly focuses on the Local Information Services Team (LIST) and the Toolbox Tuesday Training Series to build local capacity in innovative and integrated transportation and planning tools and resources. LIST aims to (1) link SCAG’s available information products (e.g., data, applications, model policies and best practices, topical white papers, etc.) to help address local needs, (2) provide local jurisdiction staff an opportunity to offer feedback on how SCAG can improve its products to facilitate better collaboration, and (3) coordinate and conduct one-on-one technical assistance meetings with local jurisdictions. Internally, LIST also work closely with subject matter experts at SCAG to provide technical, outreach, education, and engagement guidance on a number of proposed applications for local jurisdictions while aligning the objectives between local and regional planning. The Toolbox Tuesdays serve as important opportunities for inter-governmental communication. By bringing together planners from diverse areas of the region, the sessions provide opportunities for local jurisdictions to learn from each other about the successes and failures in new approaches to transportation and land use planning. In a region as vast as SCAG, forums, where staff from dense urban communities can share their concerns and successes with planners from less populated areas, are highly valued. Toolbox Training sessions equip local government planners to think beyond their traditional roles and respond to new mandates that require collaboration and public participation.

Strategic Plan:

- Supports Priority #2 - Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.
- Supports Priority #3 - Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.
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267 Clean Cities Program

Manager: Kate Kigongo

Program Objective:

Administer the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Clean Cities Program for the SCAG Clean Cities Coalition, including performing outreach and marketing in support of expanding alternative fuels in the SCAG region. Partner with public and private entities to displace petroleum gasoline use by encouraging purchase of alternative vehicles, increasing efficiency of existing fleet vehicles, and reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Strategic Plan:

- Supports Priority #1 - Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.
- Supports Priority #2 - Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

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Supports Priority #3 - Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

275 Sustainable Communities Program

Manager: Victor Negrete, Philip Law & Kate Kigongo

Program Objective:

The Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a proven, recognized and effective framework for deploying essential planning resources throughout the SCAG region. This collaborative initiative provides assistance to local jurisdictions to coordinate sustainable transportation, land use and regional policies and issues in local planning. The SCP seeks to provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for active transportation and multimodal planning efforts, sustainability, land use and planning for affordable housing; develop local plans that support the implementation of key strategies and goals outlined in Connect SoCal, the 2024 RTP/SCS; and increase the region’s competitiveness for federal and state funds. The program seeks planning solutions to local growth challenges and results in strategies that promote local and regional sustainability through the integration of transportation and land use, with particular focus on developing and practical strategies to reduce greenhouse gases. It will continue to be a critical tool in achieving SB 375 targets and other State goals aimed at reducing GHG emissions.

Strategic Plan:

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280 Future Communities Initiative

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

The Future Communities Initiative includes action items aimed at harnessing the power of new technologies, big data, open data as well as enhanced analytics to promote innovation in regional and local planning and reduce transportation demand. Tools and resources provided through the initiative will enable more informed regional and local policy making, increase the efficiency of public service delivery, and ensure the financial sustainability of future cities. The Future Communities Initiative will play a key role in reducing VMT and GHG emissions by modernizing regional land-use and transportation planning tools, fostering data-driven collaboration with SCAG’s partner agencies, and providing local agencies with planning resources to pilot new

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technologies and initiatives to reduce travel demand.

Strategic Plan:

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290 Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities

Managers: Ryan Wolfe, Ma'Ayn Johnson, Sarah Dominguez, Warren Whiteaker, Hsi-Hwa Hu, Philip Law, & Victor Negrete

Program Objective:

SCAG staff initiated the implementation of Connect SoCal immediately after its adoption, and has since launched research, planning and studies in preparation for the next plan, Connect SoCal 2028. Much of SCAG’s research and planning is focused on reducing single occupancy vehicle trips and transportation related GHG through advancing mode shift, transportation demand management, operational efficiency, system accessibility, and integration of future transportation, employment and land use. Research is also focused on aligning land use and encouraging cities and counties to adopt land uses that promote growth in Connect SoCal identified Priority Growth Areas.

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303 Economic Empowerment

Manager: Victor Negrete

Program Objective:

The Economic Empowerment Program is focused on the implementation of targeted, place-based programs aimed at achieving economic empowerment across intersectional policy goals identified in the RTP/SCS and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. The staff in this program are also charged with identifying new partnerships, projects and funding sources to develop new programs for implementation of Connect SoCal 2024.

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305 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – REAP 2.0

Managers: Ma’Ayn Johnson, Kate Kigongo, Hsi-Hwa Hu & Victor Negrete

Program Objective:

The REAP 2.0 program seeks to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership between the state, its regions, and local entities. REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate infill housing development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program was developed through an outreach process with a variety of strategies to reach a wide range of regional stakeholders. SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program combines coordinated and transformative housing development, finance, land use, and transportation strategies to help achieve California’s housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. This program includes several projects across three major Program Areas, including Early Program Initiatives, Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program, and the Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP).

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310 Planning Strategy Development and Implementation

Manager: Sarah Dominguez & Philip Law

Program Objective:

This program will develop a strategic framework for coordinating the implementation, monitoring, and performance assessment of the current Connect SoCal (Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) alongside coordinating the integration of existing strategies, emerging trends and technologies across all SCAG departments to develop of the next Connect SoCal. This project will coordinate and advance planning division priorities and major work programs, and coordinate projects that fall in

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different departments. Additionally, this program will foster partnerships with federal, state, regional, and local agencies. To accomplish above objectives, the Planning Strategy Department will coordinate planning teams in the following program areas: Connect SoCal Development, Connect SoCal Strategies, and Performance Measurement and Monitoring., Local Planning and Program Assistance, and Local Jurisdiction Technical and Information Assistance.

Strategic Plan:

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315 Last Mile Freight Program – MSRC

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG has partnered with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) to establish the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP). The LMFP is intended to achieve immediate reductions in criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from commercially deployed vehicles/equipment serving the last mile delivery market. The LMFP will inform both industry and the public regarding zero-emissions/near-zero emissions vehicle/equipment and supporting infrastructure performance and how this information can be used to scale emissions reductions to contribute to regional air quality goals.

Strategic Plan:

- Supports Priority #1 – Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.
- Supports Priority #2 – Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.
- Supports Priority #3 – Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing.

325 Regional Pilot Initiative (PRI) Phase 2

Manager: Kate Kigongo

Program Objective:

To demonstrate innovative, next generation technologies and models of regional significance, specifically those with the potential to change transportation and housing paradigms towards building more sustainable communities. RPI relies on partnerships with the public sector (local jurisdictions, transit agencies, County Transportation Commissions, etc.) to permit, construct and operate these pilots, and with private sector vendors

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to implement the pilots. This multi-pronged program explores concepts such as accelerating active transportation improvements and the adoption of e-bike programs, Universal Basic Mobility, adoption of open-loop fare payment systems, and the improvement and expansion of mobility hubs across the region, among other priorities.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Priority #3 - Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

Supports Priority #5 - Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

400 Planning and Implementation for the 2028 Games

Manager: Philip Law & Victor Negrete

Program Objective:

SCAG will develop and implement a coordinated regional approach to managing transportation demand during the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics (Games), with a focus on regional transportation demand management (TDM), outreach and education to the public, employers, and businesses, freight delivery strategies, and active transportation related activities, including quick builds and community hubs. Additionally, SCAG will review and evaluate effectiveness to highlight policies and strategies that provide enduring benefits for regional mobility, communities, environment, and economy.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Priority #1 – Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

Supports Priority #2 – Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

Supports Priority #3 – Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing.

500 Federal Highway Funding Project Selection, Monitoring, and Delivery

Manager: Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

To select, monitor, and deliver Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) federally funded projects that advance Connect SoCal and associated federal performance targets.

Strategic Plan:

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Supports Priority #1 – Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

Supports Priority #2 – Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

Supports Priority #5 – Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

FTA GRANT BUDGET

FTA DISCRETIONARY AND FORMULA GRANT BUDGET

Program Overview

SCAG is the Designated Recipient of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Grants under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for the large urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations of 200,000 or more (according to the latest U.S. Census) in the SCAG region. Under the reauthorization bill that was signed into Law on November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill), funding is authorized for 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants Program and U.S.C. Section 5312 National Research & Technology Program to SCAG due to being the Section 5307 Designated Recipient.

As the Designated Recipient, SCAG is responsible to apply for and pass through Section 5339 and Section 5312 grant funds for specialized transportation programs and projects, which provide capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, fixed guide-way, as well as to construct related facilities and purchase related equipment. All the pass-through projects were completed over the last several Fiscal Years. In FY 2025-26, the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget includes only cash contributions (no federal funding) to support compliance monitoring for the post-implementation project.

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant line item budget.

Cost Category	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX Staff	\$ 4,152	\$ 3,519	\$ (633)
54300 SCAG Consultant	\$ 213,719	\$ 200,000	\$ (13,719)
54360 Pass Through Payments			
ATNs'	-	-	-
54360 Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
55930 Miscellaneous Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
55931 Miscellaneous Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
55932 Miscellaneous Labor Future	\$ 46,977	\$ 30,000	\$ (16,977)
59090 Exp Local Other			
ATNs'	-	-	-
59090 Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub-total	\$ 264,848	\$ 233,519	\$ (31,329)
51000 Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,701	\$ 2,582	\$ (119)
51001 Indirect Costs	\$ 10,180	\$ 8,393	\$ (1,787)
Total	\$ 277,729	\$ 244,494	\$ (33,235)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

TDA PROGRAM BUDGET

TDA BUDGET

Program Overview

State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2 authorizes the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties to allocate up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 percent of their local transportation funds to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region.

SCAG uses TDA to fund various activities in the Overall Work Program, as shown beginning on page 20, as well as other direct activities. SCAG uses TDA to fund local initiatives and to provide cash match as needed for projects funded with state or federal funds. For Other Work Program Budget, TDA funds SCAG signature events such as General Assembly, Demographic Workshop as well as Economic Summit.

Line Item Budget

In FY 2025-26, the TDA budget includes \$10,141,654 for consultants and staff-related costs to support local transportation planning projects as well as SCAG signature events.

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The following table shows the TDA Budget line item budget for OWP and Other Work Program.

	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
REVENUES:			
TDA Revenue	5,967,359	8,781,377	2,814,018
Transfer from Fund Balance	5,588,888	1,360,277	(4,228,611)
Total Revenues	11,556,247	10,141,654	(1,414,593)
Overall Work Program (OWP)			
EXPENDITURES:			
500XX Staff	1,458,290	1,075,654	(382,636)
54300 SCAG consultant	3,364,150	2,097,934	(1,266,216)
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	-	10,500	10,500
54304 Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	271,240	2,288,445	2,017,205
54340 Legal	79,278	60,000	(19,278)
55210 Software Support	-	-	-
55520 Graphic Supplies	-	-	-
55460 AV, IT or Facilities Materials & Equipment < \$5,000	-	-	-
55620 Res Mats/Non GASB 96 subscriptions	450,000	376,509	(73,491)
55621 Subscriptions (GASB 96)	613,900	-	(613,900)
55580 Outreach/Advertisement	102,000	2,000	(100,000)
55830 Networking Meetings/Special Events	4,000	-	(4,000)
55610 Prof Membership	-	-	-
55840 Training Registration	-	-	-
55914 RC General Assembly	-	-	-
55915 Demographic Workshop	-	-	-
55916 Economic Summit	-	-	-
55920 Other Mtg Expense	26,500	21,000	(5,500)
5593X Miscellaneous other/Miscellaneous Labor	9,026	7,081	(1,945)
55950 Temporary Help	-	-	-
56100 Printing	2,500	-	(2,500)
5810X Travel	143,500	64,500	(79,000)
58110 Mileage	12,000	-	(12,000)
58150 Travel lodge>Per Diem	-	-	-
Sub-total	6,536,384	6,003,623	(532,761)
51000 Fringe benefits - Reg Staff	812,245	789,163	(23,082)
51003 Fringe benefits - Intern	24,163	-	(24,163)
51001 Indirect Cost	3,409,190	2,565,315	(843,875)
Total for OWP	10,781,982	9,358,101	(1,423,881)
Other Work Program			
EXPENDITURES:			
500XX Staff	52,124	53,687	1,563
54300 SCAG consultant	20,000	22,000	2,000
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	-	-	-
55840 Training Registration	-	-	-
55914 RC General Assembly	340,715	338,715	(2,000)
55915 Demographic Workshop	18,200	18,200	-
55916 Economic Summit	128,250	128,250	-
55920 Other Mtg Expense	-	-	-
5810X Travel	-	-	-
58150 Travel lodge>Per Diem	13,000	13,000	-
Sub-total	612,564	616,127	3,563
51000 Fringe benefits - Reg Staff	33,899	39,388	5,489
51003 Fringe benefits - Intern	-	-	-
51001 Indirect Cost	127,802	128,038	236
Total for Other Work Program	774,265	783,553	9,288
Total Expenditures	11,556,247	10,141,654	(1,414,593)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

GENERAL FUND BUDGET (GF)

Program Overview

The General Fund (GF) has been established to: provide support to the Regional Council (RC) and its Subcommittees for the costs of stipends and travel; fund costs not eligible for grant reimbursement; provide a source of working capital; finance program expenditures, which must be paid prior to sending requisitions to certain federal and state grantors; and authorize establishment of, and borrowing from, a line of credit. The General Fund is not an available resource to fund project costs otherwise chargeable to grants.

The RC is responsible for conducting the affairs of SCAG pursuant to Article V (A) 4 of the By-Laws. Among other duties, the RC reviews and may revise, amend, increase, or decrease the proposed annual GF budget as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer. The RC submits the approved GF budget to members of the General Assembly (GA) at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for review. After the adoption of the budget and the annual assessment schedule by the GA, the RC controls all GF expenditures in accordance with the budget.

Membership Dues Assessments

The By-Laws require the Executive Director to annually submit the GF budget to the RC. Upon its adoption, the GA fixes membership assessment for all members of SCAG in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the GF budget. The membership dues are calculated in accordance with the guidelines of the By-Laws.

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General Fund Line Item Budget

The following table shows General Fund revenues and expenditures by task.

		FY24 Actual	FY25 Adopted Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget	FY25 Adopted To FY26 Proposed Incr (Decr)
REVENUE:	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	349,754	380,014	388,228	8,214
	Cities	1,999,730	2,251,020	2,353,361	102,341
	Commissions	88,500	88,500	88,500	-
	Transportation Corridor Agency	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Air Districts	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Sub-total	\$ 2,457,984	\$ 2,739,534	\$ 2,850,089	\$ 110,555
	Interest	1,276,742	87,459	497,774	410,315
	Other	79,150	41,800	58,366	16,566
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	426,000.00	367,273	409,986	42,713
	Transfer From/To Fund Balance	-	(146,368)	(998,358)	(851,990)
	Sub-total	\$ 1,781,892	\$ 350,164	\$ (32,232)	\$ (382,396)
	Total Revenues	\$ 4,239,876	\$ 3,089,698	\$ 2,817,857	\$ (271,841)
	EXPENDITURES:				
Task .01 Regional Council	Regional Council:				
	Staff Time	1,118.53	-	-	-
	EAC Retreat	27,949.57	20,000	30,000	10,000
	Legal Services	103,500.63	150,000	116,640	(33,360)
	Miscellaneous Other	-	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	10,110.20	35,000	35,000	-
	Professional Memberships	-	-	-	-
	RC/Committee Meeting	31,112.92	5,000	5,000	-
	Stipends	249,570.00	301,683	301,683	-
	Travel - Outside	22,999.27	50,000	45,000	(5,000)
	Travel - International	-	-	-	-
	Travel - Local	23,250.36	46,000	41,000	(5,000)
	Mileage - Local	17,557.73	25,000	25,000	-
	Task sub-total	\$ 487,169	\$ 632,683	\$ 599,323	\$ (33,360)
Task .02 Legislative	Legislative:				
	Staff Time	12,968.45	35,959	39,332	3,373
	Federal/State Lobbyist	228,000.00	228,000	228,000	-
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	-	500	500	-
	Networking Meeting/Special Events	415.00	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	34,615.96	45,000	45,000	-
	Travel - Outside	13,969.95	10,000	10,000	-
	Travel - Local	446.11	200	200	-
	Mileage - Local	113.97	200	200	-
Task sub-total	\$ 290,529	\$ 319,859	\$ 323,232	\$ 3,373	

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General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY24 Actual	FY25 Adopted Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget	FY25 Adopted To FY26 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .03 RHNA	RHNA:				
	Staff Time	35,617.35	-	-	-
	Legal Services	-	273,556	20,000	(253,556)
	Task sub-total	\$ 35,617	\$ 273,556	\$ 20,000	\$ (253,556)
Task .04 Other Non-Labor	Other Non-Labor:				
	SCAG Consultant	52,012.50	-	-	-
	Legal Services	74,697.00	460,000	290,000	(170,000)
	Subscriptions GASB 96	118,811.42	-	-	-
	Off-Site Storage	1,336.89	-	-	-
	Bank Fees	31,692.56	15,000	75,000	60,000
	Office Supplies	-	-	-	-
	SCAG Memberships	29,863.01	-	-	-
	Professional Memberships	264.00	900	900	-
	Sponsorships	12,500.00	-	-	-
	Networking Meeting/Special Events	-	-	-	-
	Scholarships	-	-	-	-
	Economic Summit	-	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	25,011.11	50,000	50,000	-
	Miscellaneous Other	459.14	20,000	20,000	-
	Travel - Outside	430.95	2,500	2,500	-
Travel - Local	329.68	1,500	1,500	-	
Mileage - Local	6.57	500	500	-	
Staff Lodging Expense	7,841.65	-	-	-	
	Task sub-total	\$ 355,256	\$ 550,400	\$ 440,400	\$ (110,000)
Task .06 General Assembly	General Assembly:				
	Staff Time	6,325.92	12,846	13,718	872
	SCAG Consultant	37,932.65	43,200	43,200	-
	General Assembly	429,244.00	507,510	504,510	(3,000)
	Other Meeting Expense	-	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous Other	9,218.85	1,700	4,700	3,000
	Printing	-	-	-	-
	Travel - Local	741.66	-	-	-
Mileage - Local	-	1,000	1,000	-	
	Task sub-total	\$ 483,463	\$ 566,256	\$ 567,128	\$ 872
Task .10 Capital Outlay >\$5K	Capital Outlay >\$5K				
	Capital Outlay	123,278.00	-	160,000	160,000
	Task sub-total	\$ 123,278	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Task .11 Public Records Administration	Public Records Administration:				
	Staff Time	-	7,166	7,659	493
	Task sub-total	\$ -	\$ 7,166	\$ 7,659	\$ 493

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY24 Actual	FY25 Adopted Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget	FY25 Adopted To FY26 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .14 International Collaboration	International Collaboration:				
	Staff Time	3,455.96	5,011	8,873	3,862
	Other Meeting Expense	-	1,500	-	(1,500)
	Miscellaneous Other	-	2,000	-	(2,000)
	Travel-International	1,930.36	-	-	-
	Mileage - Local	-	500	-	(500)
	Task sub-total	\$ 5,386	\$ 9,011	\$ 8,873	\$ (138)
Task .20 Go Human Events	Go Human Events:				
	Outreach/Advertisement	-	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .23 Other Labor	Other Labor:				
	Staff Time	-	3,154	-	(3,154)
	Task sub-total	\$ -	\$ 3,154	\$ -	\$ (3,154)
Task .26 Employee Engagement Program	Employee Engagement Program				
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	492.00	-	-	-
	Engagement Committee	16,920.87	20,000	20,000	-
	Employee Recognition	6,475.86	15,000	15,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	11.79	50,000	50,000	-
	Department Allowance	9,768.01	15,000	15,000	-
	Task sub-total	\$ 33,669	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Task .29 Special Events	Special Events				
	SCAG Consultant	-	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	-
	Scholarships	40,000.00	44,000	44,000	-
	Demographic Workshop	9,213.05	9,800	9,800	-
	Economic Summit	45,262.44	59,750	58,750	(1,000)
	SCAG Memberships	102,372.00	130,100	76,700	(53,400)
	RC Sponsorships	95,850.00	165,000	165,000	-
	Task sub-total	\$ 292,697	\$ 428,650	\$ 374,250	\$ (54,400)
	Total for all tasks	\$ 2,107,066	\$ 2,890,735	\$ 2,600,865	\$ (289,870)
	Allocated Fringe Benefits	39,903	41,711	51,049	9,338
	Allocated Indirect Costs	136,392	157,252	165,943	8,691
	Total	\$ 2,283,362	\$ 3,089,698	\$ 2,817,857	\$ (271,841)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET (FB)

Program Overview

Fringe benefits (FB) are employee-associated costs such as leave expenses (vacation, holidays, personal floating holidays, sick leave, etc.), health plan expenses, retirement plan expenses, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, bus/rail/carpool expenses, tuition reimbursement expenses, technology allowance, and deferred compensation expenses. These costs are expressed as a rate for full-time regular staff. The rate is the pooled costs of the fringe benefits divided by the total salaries for full-time regular staff.

To participate in SCAG's fringe benefits program, staff must hold benefits-eligible positions as regular, at-will or limited-term positions. Some of these programs provide staff and their families with financial protection if they become ill or disabled. These programs also allow staff and their family to recreate and spend time together. Others are designed to aid them in preparing for retirement or in meeting educational costs they incur for themselves.

The employee-associated costs are related to SCAG's full-time staff to generate a fringe benefits burden rate. The fringe benefits burden is applied to all staff charges in OWP, FTA Grant Budget, TDA Budget, General Fund, and Indirect projects.

A rate is applied to all OWP, FTA Grant Budget, TDA Budget, General Fund and Indirect cost salaries, e.g., for every \$1,000 of salaries, the FB budget is \$733.658 (73.3658%).

Part-time staff, interns, and temporary employees may be eligible for SCAG's limited fringe benefits. Part-time staff, interns, and temporary employee benefits are calculated separately and are not part of the fringe benefits burden rate.

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the Fringe Benefits line item budget.

GL Account	Line Item	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
60002	Sick leave	573,861	688,891	115,030
60004	PFH	741,963	750,010	8,047
60003	Holiday	1,399,452	1,347,806	(51,646)
60001	Vacation	1,731,769	1,897,417	165,648
60032	Sick - Interns	10,333	10,333	-
60041	Vacation Cash Out	86,000	88,000	2,000
6011X	PERS	8,904,791	9,082,379	177,588
60120	PARS	82,367	84,568	2,201
60200	Health insurance - actives	3,147,400	3,354,400	207,000
60201	Health insurance - retirees PAYGO	767,068	741,736	(25,332)
60210	Dental insurance	292,842	319,562	26,720
60220	Vision insurance	82,796	87,751	4,955
60225	Life insurance	143,383	178,545	35,162
60240	Medicare tax employers - regular staff	460,587	485,141	24,554
60250	Medicare tax employers - interns	4,495	4,495	-
60255	Social security tax employers - interns	19,220	19,220	-
60300	Tuition reimbursement	33,776	43,776	10,000
60310	Bus passes - regular staff	35,000	82,500	47,500
60315	Bus passes - interns	1,000	1,000	-
60360	De Minimis Employee Exp	15,000	15,000	-
60365	De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	5,172	4,232	(940)
60366	Technology Allowance	390,600	398,160	7,560
60367	Technology Allowance Intern	28,962	23,696	(5,266)
60400	Workers compensation	158,739	173,500	14,761
60405	Unemployment compensation Insurance	35,000	35,000	-
60410	Miscellaneous employee benefits	12,636	12,636	-
60415	SCAG 457 match	439,750	446,750	7,000
60450	Benefits administrative fees	90,913	99,848	8,935
60500	Automobile allowance	20,700	20,700	-
		19,715,575	20,497,052	781,477

*Totals may not add due to rounding

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

INDIRECT COST BUDGET (IC)

Program Overview

The Indirect Cost Budget is established to provide funding for staff salaries, fringe benefits and other non-labor costs that are not attributable to an individual direct program project, except on a pro-rata basis. The Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) is prepared in accordance with the guidelines of SCAG's federal cognizant agency, FTA, and requires their approval as well as Caltrans approval.

An IC rate, approved by FTA and Caltrans, is applied to all productive staff salaries and fringe costs. For example, for every \$1,000 of direct salaries and fringe, the IC budget is \$1,375.646 (137.5646%). A review of the comprehensive line item budget chart beginning on page 12 shows the impact of this concept. Notice that the budgets for the OWP, FTA Grant Budget, TDA Budget and General Fund include allocated funds for the indirect costs which represent each budget component's share of funding the Indirect Cost program.

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the Indirect Cost line item budget.

GL Account	Cost Category	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX	Staff	13,530,521	14,405,102	874,581
5XXXX	SCAG consultant	2,974,518	2,263,762	(710,756)
54340	Legal	271,335	225,000	(46,335)
55201	Network and Communications	213,950	213,950	-
55210	Software support	629,337	621,852	(7,485)
55220	Hardware support	283,826	203,826	(80,000)
55225	Hardware	-	140,000	140,000
55240	Repair- maintenance	55,000	35,000	(20,000)
55250	Cloud Services	1,395,040	1,661,498	266,458
55251	Cloud Support	338,998	103,508	(235,490)
55271	Owned Software	606,493	313,064	(293,429)
55275	Co-location Services	171,997	178,017	6,020
55400	Office rent / Operating expense	2,589,665	2,693,252	103,587
55410	Office rent satellite	304,142	164,800	(139,342)
55415	Off-site Storage	5,000	5,000	-
55420	Equipment leases	100,000	60,000	(40,000)
55430	Equip repairs and maintenance	2,000	1,000	(1,000)
55435	Security Services	100,000	100,000	-
55440	Insurance	390,000	481,743	91,743
55441	Payroll / bank fees	36,000	36,000	-
55445	Taxes	1,000	1,000	-
55460	AV, IT or Facilities Materials & equipment <\$5K	154,000	54,000	(100,000)
55510	Office supplies	73,800	51,000	(22,800)
55520	Graphic Supplies	4,000	3,000	(1,000)
55540	Postage	10,000	5,000	(5,000)
55550	Delivery services	20,000	10,000	(10,000)
55600	SCAG memberships	130,600	187,100	56,500
55610	Professional memberships	20,100	17,200	(2,900)
55611	Professional dues	3,250	3,720	470
5562X	Resource materials, GASB 96 & Non-GASB 96 Subscriptions	1,804,520	2,082,898	278,378
55630	COVID Facility Exp	-	-	-
55631	ADA & Safety Compliance	15,000	5,000	(10,000)
557XX	Depreciation - furniture & fixture & comp	300,000	450,000	150,000
55710	Amortization - software	-	50,000	50,000
55720	Amortization - lease	75,000	135,000	60,000
55800	Recruitment adverting	65,000	65,000	-
55801	Recruitment - other	45,000	45,000	-
55820	In House Training	70,000	40,000	(30,000)
55830	Networking Meetings/Special Events	24,500	15,200	(9,300)
55840	Training Registration	98,000	117,000	19,000
55920	Other meeting expense	1,250	2,300	1,050
5593X	Miscellaneous	95,546	89,546	(6,000)
55950	Temporary help	160,000	160,000	-
56100	Printing	23,000	10,000	(13,000)
58100	Travel	140,500	159,550	19,050
58101	Travel - local	25,878	26,378	500
58110	Mileage	17,700	11,050	(6,650)
	Sub-total	27,375,466	27,702,316	326,850
51000	Fringe benefits - regular staff	8,728,070	10,487,720	1,759,650
51003	Fringe benefits - interns	13,290	14,824	1,534
	Total	\$ 36,116,826	38,204,860	\$ 2,088,034

*Totals may not add due to rounding; 5XXXX line includes Consultant and Other Consultant

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

Indirect Cost Work Areas

The Indirect Cost budget is spread across several functional work areas within the agency. The following chart describes each work area.

Group	Work Area	Activities
Administration	Finance	Finance is responsible for all financial activities of the agency, including accounting, budget & grants, investment policy, contracts, procurement, internal audits, and directing outside audits.
	Human Resources	Human Resources (HR) is responsible for staff recruitment, employee relations, training, employee benefits, maintaining personnel records, and administration of personnel rules and systems.
	Information Technology	Information Technology (IT) supports IT operations, computers for office staff, modeling and GIS capabilities, phone systems, video conferencing, and networks, as well as Facilities/property management for all of SCAG offices.
	Planning	Planning Administration supports activities that are not directly related to specific projects, such as the overall administration of the Planning Division, and efforts involved in the Policy Committee meetings.
Agency-wide Management		The Agency-wide Management section is responsible for the management of staff, the budget, and the day-to-day operations of the departments. The Executive Director is the official representative of the agency and its policies.
Legal Services		Legal Services is responsible for all internal and external legal affairs of SCAG.
Government and Public Affairs	Legislation	This unit is responsible for interfacing with the legislative processes at the federal and state levels.
	Regional Services & Media and Public Affairs	The primary responsibility of this unit is to maintain and expand governmental, community and private sector participation in the regional planning work of SCAG. This is done by working with cities and counties, local government officials, community, and business interest groups.



COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

SECTION III Appendices

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2025-26
<u>COUNTIES (6)</u>		
IMPERIAL	34,206	8,135
LOS ANGELES	997,587	170,185
ORANGE	131,335	42,797
RIVERSIDE	403,563	79,688
SAN BERNARDINO	295,763	65,079
VENTURA	91,093	22,344
SUB-TOTAL	1,953,547	388,228

<u>CITIES (191)</u>		
ADELANTO	36,131	5,396
AGOURA HILLS	19,841	2,939
ALHAMBRA	81,811	11,586
ALISO VIEJO	50,068	7,285
ANAHEIM	340,160	46,846
APPLE VALLEY	74,322	10,572
ARCADIA	55,783	8,059
ARTESIA	16,019	2,421
AVALON	3,313	549
AZUSA	49,420	7,197
BALDWIN PARK	70,660	10,075
BANNING	31,213	4,730
BARSTOW	24,669	3,593
BEAUMONT	57,416	8,281
BELL	33,301	5,013
BELLFLOWER	76,990	10,933
BELL GARDENS	38,381	5,701
BEVERLY HILLS	31,806	4,810
BIG BEAR LAKE	4,958	772
BLYTHE	17,378	2,605
BRADBURY	898	222
BRAWLEY	28,345	4,341
BREA	47,725	6,967
BUENA PARK	82,689	11,705
BURBANK	105,603	15,060
CALABASAS	22,742	3,332

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	2025-26
	POP CITIES	
CALEXICO	39,262	5,820
CALIMESA	10,867	1,723
CALIPATRIA	6,342	959
CAMARILLO	69,014	9,852
CANYON LAKE	10,832	1,718
CARSON	91,924	12,957
CATHEDRAL CITY	50,911	7,399
CERRITOS	47,806	6,978
CHINO	92,585	13,046
CHINO HILLS	76,414	10,855
CLAREMONT	37,686	5,607
COACHELLA	43,173	6,350
COLTON	52,778	7,652
COMMERCE	12,124	1,893
COMPTON	93,671	13,194
CORONA	156,615	21,973
COSTA MESA	109,423	15,578
COVINA	50,485	7,341
CUDAHY	22,210	3,260
CULVER CITY	40,213	5,949
CYPRESS	49,345	7,187
DANA POINT	32,596	4,917
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	32,654	4,925
DIAMOND BAR	53,335	7,728
DOWNEY	111,493	15,859
DUARTE	23,656	3,456
EASTVALE	68,884	9,835
EL CENTRO	44,952	6,592
EL MONTE	106,786	15,221
EL SEGUNDO	16,964	2,549
FILLMORE	17,061	2,562
FONTANA	214,223	29,780
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	56,333	8,134
FULLERTON	140,311	19,764
GARDEN GROVE	171,024	23,926
GARDENA	60,028	8,635
GLENDALE	191,586	26,712
GLENDORA	51,209	7,439
GRAND TERRACE	12,771	1,981
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	13,560	2,088

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2025-26
HAWTHORNE	85,566	12,095
HEMET	89,663	12,650
HERMOSA BEACH	19,088	2,837
HESPERIA	100,087	14,313
HIDDEN HILLS	1,727	334
HIGHLAND	55,676	8,045
HOLTVILLE	5,583	857
HUNTINGTON BEACH	192,503	26,836
HUNTINGTON PARK	53,219	7,712
IMPERIAL	22,141	3,250
INDIAN WELLS	4,797	750
INDIO	90,680	12,788
INDUSTRY	426	158
INGLEWOOD	106,065	15,123
IRVINE	314,550	43,375
IRWINDALE	1,499	303
JURUPA VALLEY	104,721	14,941
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	20,048	2,967
LA HABRA	60,901	8,753
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,488	844
LA MIRADA	48,077	7,015
LA PALMA	15,071	2,292
LA PUENTE	37,459	5,576
LA QUINTA	38,370	5,700
LA VERNE	31,697	4,795
LAGUNA BEACH	22,449	3,292
LAGUNA HILLS	30,315	4,608
LAGUNA NIGUEL	64,291	9,212
LAGUNA WOODS	17,148	2,574
LAKE ELSINORE	71,452	10,183
LAKE FOREST	86,917	12,278
LAKESWOOD	80,162	11,363
LANCASTER	172,631	24,144
LAWNSDALE	30,855	4,681
LOMA LINDA	24,965	3,633
LOMITA	20,320	3,004
LONG BEACH	458,813	62,925
LOS ALAMITOS	11,947	1,869
LOS ANGELES	3,814,318	518,135
LYNWOOD	66,271	9,481
MALIBU	10,621	1,689

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	2025-26
	POP CITIES	
MANHATTAN BEACH	34,195	5,134
MAYWOOD	24,451	3,563
MENIFEE	111,560	15,868
MISSION VIEJO	91,304	12,873
MONROVIA	38,087	5,661
MONTCLAIR	37,211	5,543
MONTEBELLO	61,930	8,892
MONTEREY PARK	59,347	8,542
MOORPARK	35,114	5,258
MORENO VALLEY	207,146	28,821
MURRIETA	109,177	15,545
NEEDLES	4,769	746
NEWPORT BEACH	82,419	11,669
NORCO	25,068	3,897
NORWALK	101,172	14,460
OJAI	7,533	1,121
ONTARIO	181,224	25,308
ORANGE	138,621	19,535
OXNARD	197,536	27,518
PALM DESERT	50,889	7,396
PALM SPRINGS	43,791	6,434
PALMDALE	166,055	23,252
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	12,974	2,008
PARAMOUNT	52,153	7,567
PASADENA	139,692	19,680
PERRIS	79,311	11,248
PICO RIVERA	60,820	8,742
PLACENTIA	52,226	7,577
POMONA	152,166	21,370
PORT HUENEME	20,916	3,084
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	173,316	24,236
RANCHO MIRAGE	16,992	2,553
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	40,919	6,045
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	46,305	6,775
REDLANDS	72,696	10,351
REDONDO BEACH	68,239	9,747
RIALTO	103,097	14,721
RIVERSIDE	316,690	43,665
ROLLING HILLS	1,677	327
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,534	1,256

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	2025-26
	POP CITIES	
ROSEMEAD	50,541	7,349
SAN BERNARDINO	226,541	31,449
SAN BUENAVENTURA	107,569	15,327
SAN CLEMENTE	62,297	8,942
SAN DIMAS	33,920	5,097
SAN FERNANDO	23,643	3,454
SAN GABRIEL	38,613	5,733
SAN JACINTO	53,538	7,755
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	34,992	5,242
SAN MARINO	12,379	1,928
SANTA ANA	310,797	42,867
SANTA CLARITA	230,428	31,976
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,640	2,776
SANTA MONICA	92,912	13,091
SANTA PAULA	31,355	4,749
SEAL BEACH	24,350	3,550
SIERRA MADRE	10,909	1,728
SIGNAL HILL	11,448	1,801
SIMI VALLEY	124,029	17,557
SOUTH EL MONTE	19,441	2,884
SOUTH GATE	92,729	13,066
SOUTH PASADENA	26,270	4,060
STANTON	40,297	5,961
TEMECULA	108,700	15,480
TEMPLE CITY	35,975	5,375
THOUSAND OAKS	122,643	17,370
TORRANCE	142,910	20,116
TUSTIN	78,844	11,184
TWENTYNINE PALMS	25,346	3,935
UPLAND	78,285	11,109
VERNON	205	128
VICTORVILLE	138,202	19,478
VILLA PARK	5,705	873
WALNUT	27,867	4,276
WEST COVINA	109,105	15,535
WEST HOLLYWOOD	35,075	5,253
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	7,902	1,171
WESTMINSTER	89,490	12,627
WESTMORLAND	2,050	378
WILDOMAR	36,327	5,423
WHITTIER	87,527	12,361

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	2025-26
YORBA LINDA	66,087	9,456
YUCCA VALLEY	21,594	3,176
YUCAIPA	53,810	7,792
SUB-TOTAL	16,651,934	2,346,590

TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS (16)

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	27,090	4,171
AUGUSTINE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	0	150
CABAZON BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	192	126
CAHUILLA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	229	131
CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE	464	163
COLORADO RIVER RESERVATION	1,213	265
FORT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE	253	134
FORT YUMA (QUECHAN TRIBE) RESERVATION	1,876	354
MORONGO-MISSION INDIANS	1,243	268
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	582	179
RAMONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	0	150
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	137	119
SANTA ROSA BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	131	118
SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	567	177
TORRES MARTINEZ BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	119	116
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	0	150
SUB-TOTAL	34,096	6,771

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	2025-26
<u>COMMISSIONS (7)</u>		
SBCTA	2,181,433	25,000
RCTC	2,442,378	25,000
VCTC	823,863	10,000
ICTC	182,881	3,500
Transportation Corridor Agency		10,000
OCTA	3,150,835	25,000
Air Districts		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	8,781,390	108,500
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		2,850,089

SCAG SALARY SCHEDULE

	Classification	Ranges						Time Base
		Minimum	Minimum Hourly	Midpoint	Midpoint Hourly	Maximum	Maximum Hourly	
1	Accountant	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
2	Administrative Assistant	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
3	Application Developer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
4	Applications Administration Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
5	Applications Analyst Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
6	Applications Administrator	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
7	Assistant Modeler	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
8	Assistant Regional Planner	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
9	Associate Modeler	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
10	Associate Regional Planner	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
11	Audio/Video Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
12	Audio/Video Technician	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
13	Benefits Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
14	Budget and Grants Analyst	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
15	Chief Counsel	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
16	Chief Financial Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
17	Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer	\$201,063.48	\$96.67	\$245,297.44	\$117.93	\$289,531.41	\$139.20	Monthly
18	Chief Human Resources Officer	\$201,063.48	\$96.67	\$245,297.44	\$117.93	\$289,531.41	\$139.20	Monthly
19	Chief Information Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
20	Chief Operating Officer	\$261,221.67	\$125.59	\$318,690.44	\$153.22	\$376,159.21	\$180.85	Monthly
21	Chief Planning Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
22	Chief Strategy Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
23	Clerk of the Board	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
24	Communications Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
25	Community Engagement Specialist	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
26	Contracts Administrator	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
27	Creative Designer	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
28	Database Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
29	Department Manager	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
30	Deputy Clerk of the Board	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
31	Deputy Director (Division)	\$173,330.58	\$83.33	\$211,463.31	\$101.67	\$249,596.04	\$120.00	Monthly
32	Deputy Legal Counsel	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
33	Executive Assistant	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
34	Executive Director ^	flat	---	flat	---	\$393,460.00	---	Monthly
35	Facilities Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
36	Finance Associate	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Monthly
37	GIS Application Developer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
38	GIS Applications Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
39	GIS Database Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
40	Government Affairs Officer	\$76,794.60	\$36.92	\$90,233.65	\$43.38	\$103,672.71	\$49.84	Monthly
41	Human Resources Analyst I	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
42	Human Resources Analyst II	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
43	Internal Auditor	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
44	IT PMO Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
45	IT Project Manager	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
46	IT Projects Assistant	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Hourly
47	Junior Planner	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
48	Lead IT Help Desk	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
49	Lead Projects Manager	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
50	Lead Systems Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
51	Legislative Affairs Analyst	\$76,794.60	\$36.92	\$90,233.65	\$43.38	\$103,672.71	\$49.84	Monthly
52	Management Analyst	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly

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	Classification	Ranges						Time Base
		Minimum	Minimum Hourly	Midpoint	Midpoint Hourly	Maximum	Maximum Hourly	
53	Modeling Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
54	Office Assistant	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
55	Office Services Specialist	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
56	Payroll Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
57	Planning Administration Officer	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
58	Planning Supervisor	\$120,119.61	\$57.75	\$141,140.54	\$67.86	\$162,161.47	\$77.96	Monthly
59	Principal Accountant	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
60	Principal Budget and Grants Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
61	Principal Contracts Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
62	Principal Human Resources Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
63	Principal Management Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
64	Principal Modeler	\$120,119.61	\$57.75	\$141,140.54	\$67.86	\$162,161.47	\$77.96	Monthly
65	Principal Planner	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
66	Public Affairs Specialist	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
67	Senior Accountant	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
68	Senior Administrative Assistant	\$64,399.93	\$30.96	\$75,669.92	\$36.38	\$86,939.91	\$41.80	Hourly
69	Senior Applications Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
70	Senior Application Developer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
71	Senior Audio/Visual Technician	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
72	Senior Budget & Grants Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
73	Senior Contracts Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
74	Senior Creative Designer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
75	Senior Database Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
76	Senior Deputy Legal Counsel	\$173,330.58	\$83.33	\$211,463.31	\$101.67	\$249,596.04	\$120.00	Monthly
77	Senior Economist	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
78	Senior GIS Application Developer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
79	Senior GIS Database Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
80	Senior Government Affairs Officer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
81	Senior Human Resources Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
82	Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
82	Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst *applies to employees hired before 12/31/2022	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
83	Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
84	Senior Management Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
85	Senior Modeler	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
86	Senior Network Engineer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
87	Senior Office Services Specialist	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Monthly
88	Senior Public Affairs Specialist	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
89	Senior Regional Planner	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
90	Senior Systems Engineer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
91	Solutions Architect	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
92	Special Events Producer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
93	Web/Content Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly



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**FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget
List of Personnel Changes**

No.	Division	Proposed Position	FTE	Work-Time (WT) Budget*	Allocated Fringe Benefits (FB)*	Total (WT+FB)	Estimated FY26 Draft Budget Impact
New Limited Term Positions (n=3)							
1	Planning	Junior Planner - Limited Term	1	63,491	46,581	110,072	110,072
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Part-Time to Full-Time Position Conversion (n=1)							
1	Planning	Administrative Assistant	1	15,873	11,645	27,518	27,518
Removed Position (n=1)							
1	HR	HR Analyst I - Limited Term	(1)	(75,711)	(55,546)	(131,256)	(131,256)
						Total**	226,476

*Work-Time budget based on mid rate of the position. The fringe benefits rate is based on the proposed rate.

** Total may not add up due to rounding.

DRAFT FY 2025-26 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Link: <https://scag.ca.gov/post/draft-fiscal-year-2025-26-overall-work-program>



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Sup. Curt Hagman, President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President	Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President	Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	RCTC	Riverside
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Chair EEC	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Lauren Meister, Vice Chair EEC	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President’s Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13
Hon. Alan Wapner, President’s Appt.	SBCTA	San Bernardino
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Karen Bass, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-At-Large
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.		Air District Representative
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director



Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. SCAG Participation in Vienna Social Housing Field Study: International Best Practices in Mixed-Income Housing, April 6-12, 2025

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that this trip was organized under the auspices of the LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs). He explained it was a statutory set up agency, and he, as SCAG’s Executive Director sat on the board as a member. He explained this trip was organized to expose the LACAHSAs Board to other modes of housing, and the Vienna trip was being led by the Global Policy Leadership Academy. He stated they did a trip twice a year. He reported they had an opportunity to send a board member and a staff person two years ago. He stated they were bringing this item before them, as he could not travel without their approval.

President Hagman asked if they could take the vote on this item together with the Consent Calendar.

Board Counsel Duran stated this was the discretion of the Chair and the committee.

President Hagman asked for a motion to include Action Item 1 and Consent Calendar Items 2 through 5 and Receive and File items 6 through 7.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – December 5, 2024
3. AB 226 (Calderon & Alvarez) – California FAIR Plan Association
4. 2025-26 State Legislative Platform Update
5. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

6. Purchase Orders, Contract, and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
7. CFO Monthly Report

There were no public comments for Items 1 through 7.

A MOTION was made (Harnik) to approve Item 1 and the Consent Items 2 through 5 and Receive and File Items 6 through 7. Motion was SECONDED (Sandoval) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Rhodes, Sandoval and Wapner (11)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

8. Fifteen Years of Sustainable Communities Strategies in Southern California

Sarah Dominguez, Department Manager, provided a presentation on Item 8. She shared with the members they had been planning under the SB 375 Sustainable Community Strategies framework in the State of California for about 15 years now, since the California Air Resources Board first set their targets. During her presentation she shared some of the reflections on the changes and progress they had made in the region to date because they were on the cusp of a new target setting update process led by the California Air Resources Board. She also shared they were about to begin their fifth combined Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy which was anticipated to be adopted in 2028.

After the presentation, Ms. Dominguez addressed member questions regarding 15-minute neighborhoods, population growth and migration, and VMT.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

There were no public comments for Item 8.

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the progress of executing SCAG's existing programs. She also provided an update on the work they had been completing for REAP 2.0. She shared their goal was to have all of their MOU's executed by the end of March and were on track to accomplish that goal. She also reported they were busy preparing their fiscal year 26 budget which would be presented to the board the following month. She stated the budget included some exciting work for the region. Lastly, she stated the CFO report was a quarterly report and included the CFO charts as well as planning project highlights.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hagman referred to the previous information item stating that in watching the news a lot of things were changing. He then asked that the Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, Javiera Cartagena, provide the members with legislative updates during the next few months. He

stated that much of what they did in planning was federal policy or funds and things were changing daily. President Hagman stated the General Assembly registration opened February 10th. He stated this would be their 60th anniversary event. He stated they had to make sure no one missed this annual gathering with the region's public and private sector leaders May 1-2 at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert. He reported the next EAC meeting would be on March 6th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise stated that later that morning they would have a Joint Policy Committee meeting. He thanked President Hagman for allowing them to repurpose the meeting to deal with the emergent issues of the fires to talk about rebuilding and resiliency. He reported they were going to have Dr. Lucy Jones lead off with a context setting conversation about disaster and disaster relief. He stated they had a panel of folks that were working currently under fires and [others] that have worked around such fires. He shared that Amy Bodek from the County Regional Planning Department was leading some task forces on rebuilding and future planning. He stated Steve Soboroff, Chief Recovery Officer for the City of LA, would be there supported by Vince Bertone, who was the Planning Director for the City of LA. He shared Nuin-Tara Key had worked at the state level and had worked on the Sonoma County and the Paradise fires, bringing some experience on the overarching view of it. He stated this promised to be an interesting conversation. He stated this was the beginning of conversations about resiliency. He stated that after the fire, he got a call from Council Member Rhodes and thought it was instructive, [as far as] the perspective that a lot of cities had about what they could do differently because these are the kinds of events they expect more recurrently than what these things used to be. Executive Director Ajise then touched on AB 226, the California FAIR Plan. He stated this bill was authored by Assembly Members Lisa Calderon and David Alvarez and sponsored by the California BIA. He stated this bill was intended to address the potential liquidity challenges the FAIR Plan might face in the event of a major catastrophe, such as a wildfire, by allowing it to request the issuance of bonds through California's IBank. He stated they were following this closely as they had interest in it. He shared this item was discussed at the LCMC meeting. Furthermore, he reported SCAG received a Corrective Action letter from Caltrans in November. He stated it discussed recommendations and some process improvements. He stated this had been shared with the Audit Committee. He reminded members that the audit finding was that SCAG was able to adequately support its incurred costs resulting in a zero-dollar finding, meaning they did not ask for any money back, however pointed out some gaps in their processing along the areas of time charging and how they represent match and things like that. He shared SCAG was working with the state, as they had a year to fully implement the requirements meaning the state would be back to follow up. The Executive Director also provided an update on the Mojave Desert Highway Sanction Clock. He explained this was a very technical issue, but it was one that was very important to SCAG. He shared SCAG had three Air Districts within the region and in this case the Mojave Desert had a situation where the EPA disapproved their local air quality plan and rules. He stated that as a result, it triggered a 24-month highway sanction clock, which meant that over



the next 24 months, if things were not improving there would be a highway sanction which would stop project approvals at the federal level in that air district. He explained this was a very serious matter for SCAG, and they continued to pay attention to it. He stated they were talking about hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of projects that could be implicated. He stated they wanted to bring this to the members' attention and would continue to update them as they work to resolve this matter with both the state and federal agencies.

After the Executive Director's report, Mr. Ajise addressed questions brought up by the members regarding his report.

There were no public comments for the CFO report, President's report, or the Executive Director's report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 9:44 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2024-25																	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	6-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Curt Hagman, President, Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1				8
Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1		0		1	0		1				6
Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1				8
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	Buena Park	RCTC	1	1	1	1	D	1	D	1	1	D	1				8
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1				8
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1		1		1	0		1				7
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Chair, EEC	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1				8
Hon. Lauren Mister, Vice Chair, EEC	West Hollywood	District 41															1
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	0	1	1		0		0	0		1				3
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	0	0	1		1		1	1		1				6
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	0	1	1	1		1		1	1		1				7
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35											0				0
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large		0	0	1		0		1	1		0				3
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	0	1	1		1		1	1		1				7
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative		1	1	1	K	1	K	1	1	K	0				6
Hon. Alan Wapner, President's Appt.		SBCTA											1				1
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1		1		0	1		1				6
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	0	1	1	1		1		1	0		0				5
			9	11	13	15	0	12	0	13	11	0	14	0	0	0	98

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - February 6, 2024)



Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: No. 25-011-C01, Natural & Agricultural
Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-011-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$737,285 with Greene Economics, LLC, to facilitate engagement, conduct research and develop a white paper and resource appendix on the ecosystem services, resilience benefits, and economic benefits of natural and agricultural lands in the SCAG region. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) that funds this project, the consultant shall facilitate engagement, conduct research and develop a white paper and resource appendix on the ecosystem services, resilience benefits, and economic benefits of natural and agricultural lands in the SCAG region. The findings from this project are intended to be used by SCAG and local agencies to inform planning, policy, investment decisions, and funding/financing approaches to strategically preserve, enhance, and/or restore natural and agricultural lands.

Natural and agricultural lands are a key focus in Connect SoCal 2024 to ensure the region's economic, natural, social, and environmental resilience, especially in light of climate change impacts in Southern California, such as extreme heat, drought, wildfire, and flooding. Natural and agricultural lands provide a range of environmental services, resilience, and economic benefits that are necessary for the region to thrive now and in the future. They:

- *Sequester carbon*
- *Store and clean water*
- *Clean air*
- *Can increase resilience to hazards such as wildfires and flooding*

- *Support recreation, health, and quality of life*
- *Generate jobs and economic activity through tourism, recreation, and agricultural production*

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

Consultant/Contract #	Contract Purpose	Contract Amount
Greene Economics, LLC 25-011-C01	The project will facilitate engagement, conduct research and develop a white paper and resource appendix on the ecosystem services, resilience benefits, and economic benefits of natural and agricultural lands in the SCAG region.	\$737,285

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$737,285 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 065-4876.01 and 065-4878.01. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-011-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-011-C01 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-011-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Greene Economics, LLC										
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) that funds this project, the consultant shall facilitate engagement, conduct research and develop a white paper and resource appendix on the ecosystem services, resilience benefits, and economic benefits of natural and agricultural lands in the SCAG region. The findings from this project are intended to be used by SCAG and local agencies to inform planning, policy, investment decisions, and funding/financing approaches to strategically preserve, enhance, and/or restore natural and agricultural lands.</p> <p>Natural and agricultural lands are a key focus in Connect SoCal 2024 to ensure the region’s economic, natural, social, and environmental resilience, especially in light of climate change impacts in Southern California, such as extreme heat, drought, wildfire, and flooding. Natural and agricultural lands provide a range of environmental services, resilience, and economic benefits that are necessary for the region to thrive now and in the future. They:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequester carbon • Store and clean water • Clean air • Can increase resilience to hazards such as wildfires and flooding • Support recreation, health, and quality of life • Generate jobs and economic activity through tourism, recreation, and agricultural production 										
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the value of a limited range of key ecosystem services as well as resilience and economic benefits provided by the different types of natural and agricultural lands in the SCAG region; • Identifying potential and innovative funding strategies and approaches, including market and incentive-based approaches, that can support efforts to preserve, enhance, and/or restore natural and agricultural lands that provide key ecosystem services and resilience benefits; • Providing information and resources to support, establish, or supplement Regional Advance Mitigation Programs (RAMP); and • Assessing the state and quality of the region’s farmworker housing. 										
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Priority #1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.										
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed:</td> <td align="right">\$737,285</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greene Economics, LLC (prime consultant)</td> <td align="right">\$251,870</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$179,543</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LandIQ (subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$165,920</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highland Economics (subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$139,952</td> </tr> </table>	Total not to exceed:	\$737,285	Greene Economics, LLC (prime consultant)	\$251,870	Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)	\$179,543	LandIQ (subconsultant)	\$165,920	Highland Economics (subconsultant)	\$139,952
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Attachment: Contract 25-011-C01 Summary (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: No. 25-011-C01, Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and

	Note: Greene Economics originally proposed \$747,953, but staff negotiated the price down to \$737,285 without reducing the scope of work.								
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2027								
Project Number(s):	<p>065-4876W7.01 \$500,000 (SALC) 065-4876E.01 \$76,491 (TDA) 065-4878B.01 \$142,351 (FTA 5303) 065-4878E.01 \$18,443 (TDA)</p> <p>Funding sources: Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Transit Administration (FTA 5303), Transportation Development Act (TDA), and the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conversation Program (SALC).</p> <p>Funding of \$737,285 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers listed above and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget approval.</p>								
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 2,967 firms of the release of RFP 25-011 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 48 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Greene Economics, LLC (3 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$747,953</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ECONorthwest (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$743,196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berkeley Economic Advising & Research, LLC (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$746,485</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rincon Consultants, Inc. (4 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$749,875</td> </tr> </table>	Greene Economics, LLC (3 subconsultants)	\$747,953	ECONorthwest (2 subconsultants)	\$743,196	Berkeley Economic Advising & Research, LLC (2 subconsultants)	\$746,485	Rincon Consultants, Inc. (4 subconsultants)	\$749,875
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>India Brookover, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Kim Clark, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager, Sustainable & Resilient Development, SCAG Ma’Ayn Johnson, Department Manager, Housing, SCAG Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, SCAG</p>								
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Greene Economics, LLC for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically the methodology for benefits transfer analysis and detailed and well-articulated plans for both engagement and technical tasks; • Provided the best technical approach, specifically a strong feedback loop between engagement and data analysis tasks, highly detailed approach to 								

	<p>stakeholder mapping, and a focus on consensus building for advisory groups that will help with project buy-in and impact;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated technical innovation by including tools to enhance the project, such as Mentimeter for training sessions to collect stakeholder reactions and IMPLAN for agricultural production calculation that can be modified with local data; • Demonstrated a strong project management approach, including a strategy to identify and plan to mitigate potential roadblocks early in the project; • Enhanced the project value by conducting a comprehensive literature review, resulting in the creation of a reference database that will serve as a valuable resource for SCAG's ongoing and future projects; • Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed; and • Proposed the lowest most realistic price to perform all the Scope of Work. <p>Although other firms proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend the other firms for contract award because these firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of staff hours, to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work; • Proposal did not fully meet RFP requirements for economic analysis or stakeholder engagement; and • Did not provide detail into strategies and methods into completing tasks and did not demonstrate the familiarity and breadth of experience as did the selected consultant.
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For March 6, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

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The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Greene Economics, LLC (prime)	No - form attached
Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)	No - form attached
LandIQ (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Highland Economics (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 25-011

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Name of Firm: Greene Economics, LLC

Name of Preparer: Jeri Sawyer

Project Title: Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

RFP Number: 25-011 Date Submitted: November 12, 2024

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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 YES NO

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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Jeri Sawyer, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Partner of (firm name) Greene Economics, LLC, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 31, 2024 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

October 31, 2024

Date

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Name of Firm: Estolano Advisors

Name of Preparer: Cecilia V. Estolano

Project Title: Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

RFP Number: 25-011 **Date Submitted:** November 12, 2024

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YES NO

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YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Cecilia V. Estolano, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) CEO of (firm name) Estolano Advisors, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 31, 2024 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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Name of Firm: Land IQ, LLC

Name of Preparer: Mica Heilmann

Project Title: Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

RFP Number: 25-011 Date Submitted: November 12, 2024

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Mica Heilmann, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Owner of (firm name) Land IQ, LLC, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated November 4, 2024 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


11/4/2024

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Name of Firm: Highland Economics

Name of Preparer: Barbara Wyse

Project Title: Natural & Agricultural Land Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

RFP Number: 25-011 **Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024

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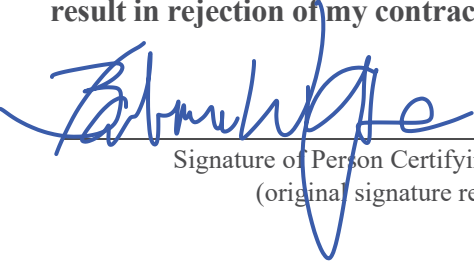
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I, (printed full name) Barbara Wyse, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) co-owner and principal of (firm name) Highland Economics, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 11/12/2024 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: No. 25-017-C01, Transportation Data
Analysis Technical Assistance (TA) Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-017-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$580,545 with Fehr & Peers to implement a big data technical assistance program. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consistent with the requirements of the Carbon Reduction Program and Office of Traffic Safety grants that fund this project, the consultant shall provide direct support to local jurisdictions and agencies to refine, research, and answer key transportation and safety planning questions using big data analytics. This project also supports the goals outlined in the adopted 2024 Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), by supporting the goal of building and maintaining a robust transportation network that supports investments that are coordinated, resilient, and results in improved safety, air quality, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This project supports regional planning by advancing data-driven decision making at local agencies, supporting equitable public engagement, reducing motorized Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and aims to reduce local and regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Fehr & Peers 25-017-C01	The project will support SCAG's regional stakeholders by providing them with direct consultant support on big data analytics. The	\$580,545

consultant will assist local jurisdictions in refining, researching, and answering critical transportation infrastructure and safety planning questions, bolstering their capacity to make data-driven decisions to enhance transportation and safety planning and policy across the region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is funded with two grants: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). The OTS grant expires in September 2025.

Funding of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564.22 (OTS), and \$380,545 is available in OWP Project Number 325-4950.01 (CRP).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-017-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-017-C01 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-017-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Fehr & Peers								
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>The purpose of this contract is to provide assistance to SCAG and its stakeholders in implementing the Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance Program, which is comprised of two primary components: the Big Data Technical Assistance Program and the Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform. The selected consultant will directly support jurisdictions in answering key transportation and safety planning questions by leveraging big data analytics through white paper, memorandum, and safety case study deliverables.</p> <p>Consistent with the requirements of the Carbon Reduction Program and Office of Traffic Safety grants that fund this project, the consultant shall deliver policy and planning recommendations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while enhancing traffic safety through innovative solutions and sustainable practices.</p>								
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved data-driven decision-making through analysis of various data sources; • Enhanced traffic management through identification of traffic patterns, congestion hotspots, peak travel times, and more; and • Safety improvements through analysis of accident/crash data, road conditions, and driver behavior. 								
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing.								
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td> <td align="right">\$580,545</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fehr & Peers (prime consultant)</td> <td align="right">\$351,136</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSP USA (subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$116,182</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Safe Streets Research & Consulting (subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$113,227</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: Fehr & Peers originally proposed \$598,480 but staff negotiated the price down to \$580,545 without reducing the scope of work.</p>	Total not to exceed	\$580,545	Fehr & Peers (prime consultant)	\$351,136	WSP USA (subconsultant)	\$116,182	Safe Streets Research & Consulting (subconsultant)	\$113,227
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Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through April 30, 2027								
Project Number(s):	<p>225-3564.22 \$200,000 325-4950.01 \$380,545</p> <p>Funding sources: State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Grant</p> <p>Funding of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564.22, and \$380,545 is available in OWP Project Number 325-4950.01.</p>								

Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 3,620 firms of the release of RFP 25-017 via PlanetBids. A total of 107 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Fehr & Peers (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$598,480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arup US, Inc. – (3 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$561,888</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cityfi Advisors, LLC – (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$594,208</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T.Y Lin International– (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$599,919</td> </tr> </table>	Fehr & Peers (2 subconsultants)	\$598,480	Arup US, Inc. – (3 subconsultants)	\$561,888	Cityfi Advisors, LLC – (1 subconsultant)	\$594,208	T.Y Lin International– (1 subconsultant)	\$599,919
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Isabelle Legare, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG Mike Gainor, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Amanda McDaniel, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG</p>								
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Fehr & Peers for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated knowledge of SCAG and familiarity with SCAG’s work, including local knowledge (having worked with municipalities in every county in the SCAG region) and the most relevant project examples that show a deep understanding of big data platforms and their real-world implications/applications; • Demonstrated the most experience providing big data technical assistance to public agencies of differing size and locality, with over 9 project examples provided in the SCAG region alone; • Demonstrated extensive experience using and operating both StreetLight InSight and Citian (as requested in the RFP), but also can provide on-call access to up to 17 additional big data platforms including INRIX, Replica, GeoTab, Remix, Swiftly, and others; • On-call access to a vast portfolio of big data platforms is what makes this proposal the strongest of the others; • Budget (hours per task) and schedule (specifically the amount of time allocated for Task 4) are the most aligned with SCAG’s vision for the program; • Proposed a strong safety-specific subject matter expert, subconsultant Safe Streets Research & Consulting, to oversee the Safety and Predictive Modeling case studies component of the program; and • Proposed the most qualified team with sufficient time commitment, specifically for the Project Manager. <p>Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend those firms for contract award because those firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not allocate sufficient staff time for tasks 2 and 4 to complete the tasks in this SOW satisfactorily; and • Only provided access to one big data platform – Replica – rather than a portfolio of on-call platforms outlined in the selected consultant’s proposal. 								

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For March, 6, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 25-017-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$580,545 with Fehr & Peers to implement a big data technical assistance program. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Fehr & Peers (prime consultant)	No - form attached
WSP USA (subconsultant)	Yes - form attached
Safe Streets Research & Consulting (subconsultant)	No - form attached

ATTACHMENT 6: SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

Fehr & Peers

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RFP No. 25-017

RFP No./Contract No. RFP No. 25-017

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Name of Firm: Fehr & Peers

Name of Preparer: Sarah Brandenburg

Project Title: Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance Program

RFP Number: RFP No. 25-017 Date Submitted: 12/30/2024

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YES NO

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Fehr & Peers

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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:


Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Sarah Brandenburg, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Vice President of (firm name) Fehr & Peers, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 12/17/2024 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


 _____ 12/17/2024 _____
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 25-017

RFP No./Contract No. 25-017

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG’s Legal Division, especially if you answer “yes” to any question in this form, as doing so **MAY** also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: Safe Streets Research & Consulting
Name of Preparer: Jessica Schoner, PhD
Project Title: Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance Program
RFP Number: 25-017 **Date Submitted:** 12/16/2024

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

- During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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YES NO

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YES NO

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SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

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Name of Firm: WSP USA Inc.

Name of Preparer: Tara Lake

Project Title: Senior Vice President

RFP Number: No. 25-017 **Date Submitted:** 12/30/2024

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

- 1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

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YES NO

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- 5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

* **YES** **NO** *WSP USA Inc. has never given gifts to any current employee or member. Please see attached listing of political contributions.

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

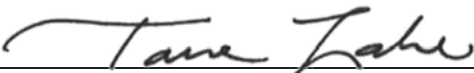
Name	Date	Dollar Value
See Attachment A		

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Tara Lake, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Senior Vice President of (firm name) WSP USA Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 12/13/2024 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

 12/13/2024
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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Attachment A

Contribution Made By	Recipient	Political Contributio Made in Support of Candidacy For	Date	Amount
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Karen Bass	State Assembly	6/26/2008	250.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Curran Price	State Senate	4/20/2009	200.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. PAC	Karen Bass	US House Candidate	4/28/2010	1,000.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Curran Price	State Senate	5/14/2010	250.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. PAC	Karen Bass	US House Candidate	5/24/2010	1,000.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Curran Price	State Senate	7/20/2011	1,000.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Curren Price	City Council, Los Angeles, CA	4/19/2013	700.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Dennis Michael	Mayor, Rancho Cucamonga, CA	10/21/2013	500.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Alan Wapner	City Council, Ontario, CA	6/4/2014	250.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Dennis Michael	Mayor, Rancho Cucamonga, CA	8/28/2014	500.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Alan Wapner	City Council, Ontario, CA	2/15/2015	1,000.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Alan Wapner	City Council, Ontario, CA	2/11/2016	1,000.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Thomas Wong	Municipal Water Board, San Gabriel Valley, CA	7/12/2016	99.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Acquanetta Warren	Mayor, Fontana, CA	7/15/2016	500.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	Monica Rodriguez	City Council, District 7, Los Angeles, CA	2/22/2017	250.00
WSP USA Inc.	Karen Spiegel	Supervisor, District 2, Riverside County, CA	5/15/2017	1,000.00
WSP USA Inc.	Alan Wapner	City Council, Ontario, CA	7/19/2017	1,000.00
WSP USA Inc.	Don Wagner	Supervisor, Orange County, CA	9/12/2019	500.00
WSP USA Inc.	Don Wagner	Supervisor, Orange County, CA	1/29/2020	200.00

*Note that effective May 1, 2017, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. changed its name to WSP USA Inc. The name of the firm at the time the contribution was made is listed above. WSP USA Inc. campaign contribution records only go back to 2007.



AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1400, barajasf@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Early Legislative Bills - Support

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends a support position on Senate Bill (SB) 71 (Wiener), SB 233 (Seyarto), SB 239 (Arreguin), and Assembly Bill (AB) 259 (Rubio).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their meeting on February 18, 2025, members of the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) received a report on four bills that relate to regional housing allocation, CEQA exemptions, and teleconferencing. After the report, committee members voted to forward a support recommendation for SB 71 (Wiener), SB 233 (Seyarto), SB 239 (Arreguin), and AB 259 (Rubio) to the Regional Council (RC).

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is monitoring over 190 legislative bills that relate to active transportation, affordable housing and housing production, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) modernization, land use, transportation, and more. Of these, staff presented four to the LCMC at its meeting on February 18, 2025, with a recommendation to support. Following the presentation, the LCMC voted to recommend the RC adopt support positions for SB 71 (Wiener), SB 233 (Seyarto), SB 239 (Arreguin), and AB 259 (Rubio).

Summaries of all four bills are included below.

The LCMC recommends SUPPORT for the following four legislative bills:

Bill: SB 71 **Author:** Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

Title: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects.

Status: Referred to Committees on Environmental Quality and Transportation

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB71

This bill would make CEQA exemptions implemented by SB 922 (Wiener, 2022) permanent for specified active transportation and transit related projects. Since the implementation of SB 922, several transportation projects have benefited from CEQA exemption. In the SCAG region, projects that have benefited include:

- City of Los Angeles Venice Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project, which installed new crosswalks, upgraded signals, parking-protected bike lanes, and a 24-hour dedicated bus lane
- City of Pasadena Union Street Protected Bikeway, which installed a new two-way protected bike lane

Extending the CEQA exemptions provided by SB 922 through SB 71 would continue to provide a tool for cities, counties, and transit agencies to accelerate the construction of sustainable transportation projects. Additionally, SB 71 is consistent with legislative principles adopted by the Regional Council to support CEQA reform to expedite and streamline both project development and delivery.

SCAG's Regional Council adopted a support position on SB 922 (Wiener) on Thursday, March 3, 2022. SB 71 (Wiener) is co-sponsored by the California Transit Association, SPUR, Bay Area Council, LA Metro, and the City and County of San Francisco.

Bill: SB 233 **Author:** Senator Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta)

Title: Regional housing need: determination: consultation with councils of government

Status: Referred to Committee on Housing

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB233

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to meet with councils of government (COGs) regarding regional housing need methodology at least 38 months prior to the scheduled revision of the housing element. Under current law, HCD requires HCD to provide a regional determination to a COG at least 26 months before a housing element due date. As such, SB 233 would provide an additional 12 months for COGs to begin working on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.

SB 233 was inspired by recommendation number 5 from SCAG's "RHNA Reform Recommendations" adopted by the Regional Council on Thursday, September 7, 2023, which states:

Codify an earlier date, which is currently at least 26 months before a housing element due date, for HCD to provide the regional determination to a COG so that more time is available to coordinate

with the concurrent Sustainable Communities Strategy, prepare the RHNA methodology, increase local engagement, and have potentially additional time for the appeals process.

This bill would apply to all jurisdictions statewide for their 7th cycle RHNA with the exception of the Humboldt County Association of Governments, the Lake Area Planning Council, the Mendocino Council of Governments, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, and the San Diego Association of Governments, as their 7th cycle has already begun. It will then be applicable to all jurisdictions for the 8th and all subsequent cycles.

Bill: SB 239 **Author:** Senator Jesse Arreguin (D-Berkeley)

Title: Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body

Status: Referred to Committee on Local Government and Judiciary

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB239

This bill would allow a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference its meetings without having to notice and make publicly accessible each teleconference location or have at least a quorum participated from locations within the boundaries of the agency. To use this flexibility, subsidiary bodies must, among other requirements, designate a primary physical meeting location in the notice of the meeting at which the public may physically attend, observe, hear, and participate, with at least one staff member from the local agency present at the location during the meeting.

A “subsidiary body” is defined as:

- An advisory body that meets the Brown Act’s definition of a legislative body
- Serves exclusively in an advisory capacity
- Is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlements

SB 239 is a reintroduction of AB 817 (Pacheco) from last year, which was co-sponsored by CalCities and CSAC, among others and has retained all the same sponsors.

Bill: AB 259 **Author:** Assemblymember Blanca Rubio (D-West Covina)

Title: Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences

Status: Referred to Committee on Local Government

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB259

This bill would remove the sunset date and make permanent Brown Act exemptions provided by AB 2449 (Rubio, Blanca 2022), which allowed members of a legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing without identifying each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the

meeting, and without making each teleconference location accessible to the public, under specified conditions. This includes the need to identify a “just cause” or “emergency circumstance” by the member of the legislative body wishing to use the exemption, which cannot be used more than three consecutive months or 20% of the regular meetings for the agency within a calendar year, or more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year.

SCAG’s Regional Council adopted a “support” position on AB 2449 at the Regional Council meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Prior Committee Action:

Following a presentation from staff, the LCMC voted unanimously to recommend the RC adopt support positions on SB 71 (Wiener), SB 233 (Seyarto), SB 239 (Arreguin), and AB 259 (Rubio).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Early Legislative Bills – Support is in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SB 71 - 922 Sunset Removal Fact Sheet 1.29.25
2. SB-233 Fact Sheet-Earlier RHNA Allocations



Senator Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District

Senate Bill 71 – Jumpstarting Sustainable Transportation

SUMMARY

SB 71 will make permanent the statutory California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for transit & active transportation projects that significantly advance the state’s climate, safety, and public health goals, while improving access and mobility options. SB 71 will also make clarifying changes to existing law and provide CEQA exemption parity between ferry and other transit modes. This bill helps California build the infrastructure it needs faster and cheaper, showing that California can bring critical projects online by removing red tape.

BACKGROUND/EXISTING LAW

The transportation sector is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions (38%) in the state, making the need for clean, sustainable transportation projects critical. Prior to establishment of the statutory exemptions, these projects cost more and took longer to construct, in part due to the regulatory and legal challenges under CEQA.

In 2020, the California Legislature and Governor Newsom enacted Senate Bill 288 (Wiener), which introduced a series of statutory CEQA exemptions for sustainable transportation projects.

In 2022, the Legislature and Governor extended the exemption provided by SB 288 through 2029 (SB 922, Wiener). Assembly Bill 2503 (Lee, 2024) expanded the exemption to include zero-emission rail projects.

In summary, under current law, the following projects are eligible for CEQA exemptions through January 1, 2030:

- Pedestrian or bicycle facilities like sidewalks or bike lanes
- Transit priority projects like bus-only lanes and transit signal priority

- Bus rapid transit (BRT) and other bus projects – including stations
- Light rail and other passenger rail projects – including stations – within public rights-of-way
- Zero emission transit vehicle infrastructure projects, including zero-emissions ferry charging infrastructure
- Converting general purpose lanes to carpool lanes or bus-only lanes, or converting highway shoulders to part-time transit lanes
- Planning decisions to reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements, remove or restrict parking, or implement transportation demand management programs

PROBLEM

CEQA requires state and local agencies to evaluate and disclose the significant environmental impacts of projects they approve, and to avoid or mitigate those impacts if possible. The evaluation is the basis for many state and local approvals needed to deliver a variety of projects. CEQA is a critically important law for protecting people and the environment from harmful projects, such as refineries that pollute natural resources and jeopardize health, especially for historically marginalized and underserved populations.

However, not all projects are alike. Some projects, such as sidewalks, rapid bus lanes, protected bicycle lanes, signal modifications, and public transit are beneficial to people and the environment. Unfortunately, CEQA studies, appeals, and litigation have regularly entangled projects in lengthy and costly delays.

Since 2021, SB 288 and SB 922 have made a tremendously positive impact by helping local agencies deliver 92 common-sense, sustainable

Attachment: SB 71 - 922 Sunset Removal Fact Sheet 1.29.25 (Early Legislative Bills - Support)

transportation projects more quickly and cost effectively than they could have without the exemption, affirming the value of the exemption. As the 2029 sunset date approaches, fewer jurisdictions and transit agencies will use the exemption to expedite larger capital projects without the predictability of the exemption continuing.

Additionally, some cleanup of the law is needed to clarify how project cost thresholds are calculated, and some transit modes and projects like bus shelters do not fully benefit from the exemption.

SOLUTION

SB 71 removes the SB 922 sunset date to make this highly effective law permanent, directs project cost thresholds in the law to be adjusted for inflation, specifies when project cost should be calculated to determine exemption eligibility, and clarifies that the following project types are also eligible for the exemption:

- Bus shelters and lighting
- Shuttle and ferry service and terminal projects
- Transit Comprehensive Operational Analyses (COAs)
- Transit infrastructure maintenance

SB 71 maintains SB 922’s safeguards that ensure the CEQA exemption is not misapplied to projects with detrimental impacts to vulnerable populations or the environment. Projects must:

- Be located in an existing public right of way
- Must not add new auto capacity
- Must not demolish affordable housing
- Must use a skilled and trained workforce or have a project labor agreement in place.

SB 71 also maintains SB 922’s enhanced outreach, racial equity analysis and anti-displacement requirements for projects estimated to cost over \$50 million, adjusted for inflation. All projects that have used the exemption to date comply with these guardrails.

SB 71 will ensure that projects that help the state meet its climate goals, facilitate dense urban infill development, improve access to opportunity and mobility, and support high-quality construction jobs continue, and deliver on the promise of infrastructure investment.

SUPPORT

- California Transit Association (sponsor)
- SPUR (co-sponsor)
- Bay Area Council (co-sponsor)
- LA Metro (co-sponsor)
- City and County of San Francisco

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Raayan Mohtashemi, *Legislative Aide*
Email: raayan.mohtashemi@sen.ca.gov
Phone: (916) 651-4011

SENATOR KELLY SEYARTO

Representing California's 32nd District



SB-233 Earlier RHNA Allocations

SUMMARY

SB-233 would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to meet with councils of government (COGs) regarding regional housing need methodology at least 38 months prior to the scheduled revision of the housing element.

BACKGROUND

Current law requires local governments to periodically adopt a housing element, which is a plan to accommodate the “Regional Housing Need Allocation” (RHNA) in their community. Currently, California is in its sixth statewide housing element update cycle.

State law also requires HCD provide a regional determination to a COG at least 26 months before a housing element due date. In this 6th cycle, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff requested HCD to provide an earlier date to have more time to coordinate the concurrent Sustainable Communities Strategy, prepare the RHNA methodology, increase local engagement, and potentially have additional time to hear RHNA appeals. However, HCD did not fulfill this request and provided the determination in August 2019, exactly 26 months before the October 2021 housing element due date.

Concurrent with HCD’s California’s Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA engagement initiative, SCAG launched a RHNA reform stakeholder engagement process in 2022 and 2023 which produced recommendations including a request to codify an earlier date for HCD to provide regional determinations to COGs.

Jurisdictions have historically been housing element compliant. However, this has not been true in the most recent cycles which featured numerous changes to housing element law since 2017. 122 out of 197 SCAG jurisdictions in 2022 and 105 out of 109 Bay Area jurisdictions in 2023 were out of compliance for missing their housing element deadline. As of November 26, 2024, HCD still reported an out of compliance status for 116 jurisdictions out of 539 statewide.

PROPOSAL

SB-233 will require HCD to meet with COGs regarding regional housing determination 12 months sooner in specified jurisdictions for the 7th cycle and all jurisdictions for the 8th and subsequent cycles thereafter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Daniel Lieber : (916) 651-4032 : Daniel.Lieber@sen.ca.gov

Attachment: SB-233 Fact Sheet-Earlier RHNA Allocations (Early Legislative Bills - Support)



AGENDA ITEM 6

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$33,000 for membership with 1) the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) (\$30,000), with the Major Metros add-on (\$3,000).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its February 18, 2025, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) approved up to \$33,000 for membership with 1) the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) (\$30,000), with the Major Metros add-on (\$3,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) + Major Metros Add-On

Type: Membership **Amount:** \$33,000

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is the leading advocate for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in Washington, D.C. NARC serves as the national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address various community planning and development opportunities and issues. NARC’s member organizations are composed of multiple local governments that work together to serve American communities – large and small, urban and rural. NARC regularly provides solutions that positively impact American communities through effective inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

The annual dues are \$33,000, an increase of \$5,500 from last year, comprised of a \$5,000 increase to the standard dues and a \$500 increase to SCAG’s Major Metros add-on, as part of our NARC membership. In December 2024, the NARC Board of Directors approved a 20 percent dues increase, the organization’s first increase in seven years, which is in line with inflation over the last seven years. For SCAG, that represents a \$5,000 increase from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the standard

membership. The additional funds from this increase will allow NARC to hire and retain high-level staff and better position the organization to continue providing support and programming to execute critical policy-related efforts. Additionally, SCAG participates in the Major Metros Roundtable, facilitated by NARC, which brings together executive directors of planning organizations from major metropolitan areas with combined populations of over one million to discuss challenges, share insights, and collaborate on policy solutions. This group is supported by voluntary supplemental dues to support the staff time NARC provides to facilitate meetings and other activities.

SCAG has been an active member of NARC for 24 years, since 2000, and recommends continuing to do so as this organization is consistent with SCAG's core responsibilities and mission. LCMC Member Alan Wapner serves as a Member of the NARC Board of Directors. As a national public interest organization, NARC works with and through its members to:

- Shape federal policy that recognizes the increased value of local intergovernmental cooperation;
- Advocate effectively for the role of regional councils in the coordination, planning, and delivery of current and future federal programs;
- Provide research and analysis of key national issues and developments that impact members;
- Offer high-quality learning and networking opportunities for regional organizations through events, training, and technical assistance; and,
- Participate in four policy committees: Transportation, Economic & Community Development, Public Safety, and Environment & Energy, and two working groups: Communications & Government Affairs and Fiscal Officers.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$33,000 for membership with 1) the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) (\$30,000), with the Major Metros add-on (\$3,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on February 18, 2025. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$33,000 to retain our membership with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), with the Major Metros add-on, is included in the approved FY 25 General Fund budget.



AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional
Council's Approval Threshold

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in January 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
KEY CODE MEDIA INC DBA BURST COMM.	FY25 VIDEO WALL/WAYFINDER DISPLAY	\$16,871
DP TRADING DBA THE PIN CENTER	FY25 GA COMMEMORATIVE COIN	\$8,290

SCAG executed the following contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Devonshire Associates Ltd. 25-010-C01	This project will provide SCAG with an employment database for the development of small-area employment estimates and projections. The data will also be used for economic development analyses and transportation corridor studies.	\$37,500



SCAG executed the following contract amendment for less than \$150,000 and 30% of the original contract value:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Cherry Bekaert Advisory, LLC 24-045-C01, Amendment 1	The consultant will continue to assist staff in developing the annual Indirect Cost Rate Proposal/Indirect Cost Allocation Plan in compliance with federal rules and regulations.	\$25,490

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-010-C01 Summary - Info
2. Contract 24-045-C01 A01 Summary - Info

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-010-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Devonshire Associates Ltd.	
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>The employment database is crucial to meet SCAG’s goal of being the central source of data and information for the Southern California Region. This database plays an integral part in meeting our employment data needs by place of work for all employment sites in the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. The data will be used to estimate employment by different sectors at transportation analysis zones in the region.</p> <p>SCAG will use the employment database for the development of small-area employment estimates and projections. The data will also be used for economic development analyses and transportation corridor studies and will serve as a primary input to our regional transportation and land use modeling efforts.</p>	
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aid in the development of small-area employment estimates and forecasts; • Provide valuable information needed for the economic development analyses and transportation corridor analyses; and • Provide critical elements such as data by company name, location, industry code, and employment. 	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal #3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$37,500
	Devonshire Associates Ltd. (prime consultant)	\$37,500
Contract Period:	January 2, 2025 – January 1, 2026	
Project Number(s):	055-0704E.02 – Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds	
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Cheol-Ho Lee, Senior Modeler, SCAG John Cho, Senior Modeler, SCAG Tom Vo, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG Xuanye Zuo, Associate Modeler, SCAG</p>	

Attachment: Contract 25-010-C01 Summary - Info (Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council's Approval

Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Devonshire Associates Ltd for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided the best technical approach. Based on the described methods to collect the firm information and to adjust the data, the consultant has experience and capabilities to complete the employment database;• Provided the best high-quality sample data and statistics of the data. Based on the sample data and the descriptive statistics provided by the consultant, the quality of data meets our expectations and requirements. The fill rate of most of the fields are 100%, especially, number of employees and location information, which also meets our expectation and requirements;• Collected the employer information from various sources, with the sources and methods clearly described in the proposal; and• Proposed the lowest price.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-045-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 01

Consultant:	Cherry Bekaert Advisory, LLC						
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On August 28, 2024, SCAG awarded Contract 24-045-C01 to Cherry Bekaert Advisory, LLC to provide an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal/Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICRP/ICAP) to aid in the recovery of indirect costs related to grants and direct activities, as well as fringe benefits costs related to all activities. The ICRP/ICAP allocates all indirect costs, using the salaries and fringe benefits as a base, to all SCAG direct cost activities in, including but not limited to, Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget, Transportation Development Act (TDA) Budget, General Fund (GF) Budget, and other direct Budget Programs. The fringe benefits costs are allocated to all SCAG activities.</p> <p>The Consultant will assist staff in preparing the ICRP/ICAP in compliance with 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards) as well as rules and regulations by appropriate federal cognizant and state agencies. The Consultant will also act as advisory role in providing expertise knowledge in determining the eligibility, strategies and procedures that may help recover the indirect costs more effectively.</p> <p>This amendment extends the contract term from 6/30/25 to 6/30/26 and increases the contract value from \$25,490 to \$50,890 (\$25,490).</p>						
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the ICRP/ICAP including calculation of the carryforward; • Negotiation of the ICRP/ICAP with SCAG's federal cognizant agency; • Implementation of the ICRP/ICAP, training sessions and monitoring of the recoveries; • Technical guidance and advisory support for eligibility and allowability of the indirect costs and fringe benefits costs; and • Resources and technical assistance provided for potential audit work. 						
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.						
Amendment Amount:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Amendment 1</td> <td align="right">\$25,490</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Original contract value</td> <td align="right"><u>\$25,490</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total contract value is not to exceed</td> <td align="right">\$50,890</td> </tr> </table>	Amendment 1	\$25,490	Original contract value	<u>\$25,490</u>	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$50,890
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Total contract value is not to exceed	\$50,890						
Contract Period:	June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2026						
Project Number:	<p>\$50,980 810-0120.12 – Indirect Cost Program</p> <p>Funding of \$25,490 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 810-0120.12 and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>						
Basis for the Amendment:	Indirect Cost Rate Proposal/Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICRP/ICAP) is a critical document for SCAG to be able to recover indirect costs related to grants and direct						

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	<p>activities as well as fringe benefits costs related to all activities. The ICRP/ICAP is subject to the federal government and Caltrans' review and approval process, and it is required to be developed on annual basis.</p> <p>This amendment extends the period of performance by another year and supports development of FY 2026-27 ICRP/ICAP. Without this amendment, SCAG may risk the ability to recover indirect costs and fringe benefits costs in a timely manner which will impact the operational continuity.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM 8

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: CFO Monthly Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of January 31, 2025, 188 cities, six counties, seven commissions, and 11 tribal governments have paid their Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.73 million out of \$2.76 million billed. This represents 98.84% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. As of January 31, 2025, SCAG has invested \$20.18 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$577,041.65 in interest income. The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 4.37%. Additionally, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance, interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of January 31, 2025, SCAG has invested \$43.15 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$1319,563.29, in interest income

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On January 30, 2025, staff submitted the FY 2024-25 2nd Quarter Overall Work Program (OWP) Progress Report to Caltrans. The expenditures reported for the period of July to December 2024 are approximately \$10.47 million or 36% of the CPG and SB1 funding that were included in the FY 2024-25 OWP Amendment 01 Budget.



During the month of February 2025, staff focused on refining and finalizing the FY 2025-26 Draft Comprehensive Budget. The draft budget is being presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and Regional Council (RC) in March 2025. Staff also analyzed requested budget changes for Amendment 2 to the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget including the Overall Work Program (OWP). The FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 2 will be presented to the EAC and RC in April 2025.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

In January 2025, the Contracts Administration Department staff supported 17 formal procurements and 184 active contracts for professional services. In this month's consent calendar agenda item "Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold," staff reports executing one contract and one contract amendment and issuing two purchase orders above \$5,000 to support ongoing business operations.